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Summary

This document contains a possible answer to an original IELTS Writing Task 1 for General Training. Some advice about how to prepare and tackle the Task 1 in the Writing test is provided before the Sample question. Note: The sample example is one for a formal letter (see Notes about the Exam in General section).

In general this document may be useful for,

This paper can be used as an example as how to write an essay for the Task 1. It should provide a general guideline about a good answer in terms of structure, ideas and language (formal) used. The candidate has to keep in mind that this is only one example approaches out of many possibilities.

Notes about the Exam in General

The essay in Task 1 must be of at least 150 words written in about 20 minutes. Note that the examinee has 60 minutes for the whole Writing Test (Task 1 and Task 2). It is advised to spend 20 minutes on the Task 1. Task 1 is worth half the amount of marks allocated to Task 2 for the candidate's total score in the Writing test. The students taking the IELTS test are responsible of managing their own time.

The Task 1 will have a background story and points the candidate is expected to use in writing the answer.

The key to successful essay writing is 'lots of practice, lots of guidance and lots of patience'.

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CRUCIAL INFORMATION TO MAXIMISE PERFORMANCE

1. Be aware of the time available for each section (use a watch to time yourself at exams and during practice)
2. You will be penalized if you write less than the required 150 words. Time your practice and count the words when you finish.
3. Either allow 5 minutes at the end for a review of the whole essay, or review while you are writing. It helps to reduce the number of grammatical mistakes
4. "Plan your work, and work your plan"; it helps to structure your essay and allows you to know how many arguments (with examples) you are providing to the reader.
5. Carefully read question. The question type will affect how you structure your essay. The questions will stress what points you need to include in your response; you HAVE to write about these.