

ESOL Skills for Life – Entry 2

Marked learner work

Below is an example of a candidate response to the ESOL Skills for Life Entry 2 writing test followed by the marks and rationales from the marker.

All names and personal data have been changed or removed.

Candidate

Task 1

Complete the form below.

Brigham Family Doctors Your Details	
Surname	NOVAK
First Name(s)	ZDENKO
Gender (please tick)	Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of birth	<input type="text" value="11"/> / <input type="text" value="05"/> / <input type="text" value="19"/> <input type="text" value="90"/> D D M M Y Y Y Y
Country of birth	CZECH REPUBLIC
First language	CZECH
Address	ALLS HOUSE
	BEDFORD, OXFORDSHIRE
	POSTCODE: SW5 8FG
Telephone number	07989 123456
When did you come to the UK?	ON 12 TH OF MAY 2016
Occupation	REGISTERED NURSE
I confirm the information on this form is correct.	
Signature:	ZNOVAK
Date	<input type="text" value="12"/> / <input type="text" value="10"/> / <input type="text" value="20"/> <input type="text" value="22"/> D D M M Y Y Y Y

Task 2

You learnt something new recently. Write an article for your teacher. Say what you learnt.

Write about 80 words.

Something new

I moved in another home last week.

~~It was~~ It is a shared home and it is very strange and new for me.

I've never live in a shared home with others people before.

It have advantages and disadvantages.

- Advantages things are that you can socialise with others, making friends, taking conversation to improve my English. Also you can learn different way of living, eating, drinking as there are all foreign people. I really like this experience.

Disadvantages ~~are~~ thing ~~are~~ are that you have to wait, at time, to have a shower or to use toilet or to ~~to~~ cook something when you really don't have enough time because you need to go to work ~~or~~ or to go to an appointment or something like that.

Task 3

Last weekend you went to a party. Write an email to your friend. Say what you did at the party.
Write about 80 words.

To: friend@email.com
Subject: A party
Dear TANO)
ON 23 th of DECEMBER I WENT TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH MY COLLEAGUES. I WAS MY FIRST CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE UK.
We went in a big restaurant called Witney Resort Lakes nearby Witney. There was a big salon where were other four big group colleagues.
I was very exiting because the atmosphere was amazing.
I had a nice dinner and very friendly conversation with all of my colleagues.
At about 10 ³⁰ pm there started disco music with D.J. I don't danced all the time.
All the people had a bandana paper like corona on the head and someone had funny eyes glasses and all people was very funny and happy.
I really enjoyed it.
with love
ZDENKO.

Candidate marks and rationale

Assessment criteria	Mark	Rationale
Task 1 – form		
2.1 Record personal details on a form correctly	4	The candidate uses form filling conventions with a high level of accuracy. They complete all of the necessary fields, and all communicative aims are achieved.
Task 2 – article		
1.1 Present information in an appropriate format for the intended audience	3	The candidate identifies several areas of the task well. They use an appropriate style and register, and the format is suitable for an article. However, the purpose for writing is only partially appropriate – the candidate started writing about his new experience, but then described advantages and disadvantages rather than what he learnt.
1.2 Construct simple and compound sentences correctly	3	The candidate uses compound sentences with 'and', 'so', 'or' fairly consistently. The word order in simple sentences is mostly correct (eg 'I moved to a new home...'; 'You can socialise...').
1.3 Use adjectives correctly	4	A wide range of adjectives are used consistently, eg 'it is strange', 'new for me', 'shared home', 'foreign people'. The word order regarding adjectives in simple sentences is mostly correct.
1.4 Use punctuation correctly	4	Full stops are used consistently at the end of sentences. Also, commas are used appropriately in a list, eg '...you can learn different ways of living, eating, drinking...'
1.5 Use upper and lower case letters correctly	4	Capital letters at the start of sentences are used with comprehensive control. Proper nouns are capitalised, eg English.
1.6 Spell words correctly	4	The candidate uses a wide range of lexis appropriate for the task and context and shows most words are spelt correctly.

Assessment criteria	Mark	Rationale
Task 3 – email/message/postcard		
1.1	4	Present information in an appropriate format for the intended audience
1.2	3	Construct simple and compound sentences correctly
1.3	4	Use adjectives correctly
1.4	3	Use punctuation correctly
1.5	3	Use upper and lower case letters correctly
1.6	3	Spell words correctly

Candidate achieves 46 marks out of 52 and passes the writing test.