

IELTS Writing Samples And Model Answers

Thank you for your interest in my IELTS Writing Samples and Model Answers. In the next 14 pages, you're going to see Writing Samples for the Writing Task 1 and 2 for both Academic and General Training IELTS. These are part of the materials I give my students.

First, you'll see examples of Questions and Model Answers (Samples) for 7 different types of Writing Task 2 Essays (for both Academic and General Training):

1. Advantages and Disadvantages (Expository Version)
2. Causes/Problems and Solutions
3. Mixed
4. Opinion
5. Discussion
6. Advantages and Disadvantages (Opinion Version)
7. Two Part Expository and Opinion

Then, for Academic IELTS students, you'll be able to go through 4 different types of Writing Task 1 (Academic) tasks:

1. Graph with a Time Period
2. Graph without a Time Period
3. Process
4. Maps

Finally, for General Training IELTS students, you'll be able to go through 3 different types of Writing Task 1 (General Training) letters:

1. Formal Letter
2. Semi-Formal Letter
3. Informal Letter

I hope these samples help you as much as it has helped my students. These are just 14 pages out of more than 100 pages (for Writing) and 200 pages (for all 4 modules – Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking) that I give my students in my classes

At the end of this document, I'll include more information about my IELTS classes if you're interested to find out more about how I can help you pass your IELTS.

Task 2 – Essay Type 1 – Advantages and Disadvantages (Expository Version)

In some countries young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.

In various nations around the world, many people advocate taking a gap year in order to work or travel before beginning one's tertiary education. While this offers a few advantages, there are also some disadvantages which are worth considering.

There are two main benefits to students travelling or working before their university education. Firstly, through travelling, they will be able to expand their horizons. When students go overseas, they will be exposed to different cultures and customs. As a result, they will gain a deeper understanding of the world. In addition, students who work will learn to appreciate the value of money. This is because they will realize the hard work involved in earning money. Consequently, they would think more before purchasing anything they desire and may become less impulsive in their spending.

On the other hand, various drawbacks may be noted. In the first place, travelling could cause people to feel homesick. Many students have not been apart from their family and friends before so when they travel, they may miss these people. In extreme circumstances, students may even become depressed. Additionally, students who work may not want to return to their studies. The reason for this is that they may enjoy earning money and becoming financially independent. Therefore, their whole future could be negatively affected as these days it is very important for everyone to graduate with a degree in order to be competitive in the job market.

In conclusion, if students take a gap year, they could gain invaluable experience and learn to become more independent in relation to money. However, they may also become homesick and end up not continuing their studies. Therefore, it is necessary to weigh the benefits against the drawbacks carefully before coming to a decision as to whether students should go on such an adventure.

Task 2 – Essay Type 2 – Causes/Problems and Solutions

In some countries the average weight of people is increasing and their levels of health and fitness are decreasing. What do you think are the causes of these problems and what measures could be taken to solve them?

In many nations around the world, declining health and a lack of fitness are becoming very common among people. There are a number of causes of this, but certain measures could be taken to alleviate this problem.

There are several causes of this situation. The main one is that technological advancements have resulted in a sedentary lifestyle. Because of the prevalent use of computers and vehicles, it is no longer necessary to move around much. This leads to people becoming overweight, which also adversely affects their health and fitness. In addition, people are consuming more unhealthy processed food nowadays. For example, fast food, junk food and processed canned food have become extremely popular due to people's chronic busyness. Such food results in a lot of health problems if it is consumed in large quantities.

Various possible courses of action could be taken in order to tackle the above. In the first place, the government could launch a nationwide campaign to raise awareness about the importance of eating healthily and exercising. For instance, advertisements by the ministry of health about the dangers of eating junk food and not exercising should be regularly shown on television and the internet. Another way forward could be for schools to prohibit unhealthy food from being sold in schools. If schools start to ban too much fried food or food that is high in sugar and salt, students will be forced to eat a more balanced and healthy diet at school. The result is that health would improve dramatically.

In conclusion, various factors have led to problems related to health and fitness, but this situation could be addressed by the launch of a health and fitness campaign and the implementation of effective regulations to limit the sale of unhealthy food in schools. Given this situation, it is recommended that steps should be taken immediately in order to ensure that the health and fitness of the people in the country improves.

Task 2 – Essay Type 3 – Mixed

Today more people are travelling than ever before. Why is this the case? What are the benefits of travelling for the traveller?

It is undeniable that travelling has become much more popular as compared to the past. There are several reasons why this is happening and this situation offers various benefits.

More people are taking overseas trips for the following reasons. One of the reasons is to get a better education. These days, many students in the developing countries study in developed countries because many of the schools and universities there are of a higher quality. For example, most of the top ranked universities in the world are located in countries like America and the United Kingdom. In addition, people may need to go on business trips overseas. Because we live in a globalized world, a person working for a multinational company may often need to travel to another office overseas for work. Also, businessman and entrepreneurs often travel to neighbouring countries in order to expand their business.

People who travel can experience many benefits. In the first place, they can gain invaluable experience through their time abroad. An example of this is that a person would encounter different cultures and customs when visiting and living in another country, which could make him or her more open-minded. Furthermore, people can also make new friends from different countries. The result of such friendship could be the creation of business opportunities or just the sharing of one's different experiences. Consequently, the lives of both parties would be enriched.

In conclusion, people go overseas nowadays in order to receive a better education or to do business. Through going overseas, these people can broaden their horizons and widen their social circle. Given the above, it is recommended that everyone should consider taking a trip overseas at least once in their life.

Task 2 – Essay Type 4 – Opinion

Some people argue that capital punishment is good for a country. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

It is argued by some that the death penalty benefits a nation. I completely agree with this opinion and in this essay I will state the reasons for my view.

The most compelling reason for holding to my view is that the death penalty is an effective deterrent to serious crime. This is because it instils fear of carrying out serious crimes as people would not want to lose their life as a result of that. For example, people who are thinking of murder or committing violent acts will think twice before doing so. As a result of this policy, crime rate would go down.

Another reason for my position is that the government will be able to spend less money on keeping the criminal in prison. If the criminal is jailed for many years or for life, the government would need to pay for the enormous expenses involved such as the cost of food for the prisoners and the salaries for the prison officers. However, with the death sentence, the prisoner will spend less time in prison and this would reduce the cost of imprisonment substantially.

Lastly, with capital punishment, the dangerous criminal would never be able to reoffend. The reason for this is that executed criminals will no longer be alive and therefore they will never pose a threat to society ever again. This would make society a safer place.

In conclusion, I totally agree with the opinion that sentencing serious criminals to death is beneficial for countries. This is because of its deterrent effect, its ability to save the government a lot of money and the fact that we can keep dangerous criminals out of society forever. Given this situation, it is recommended that governments around the world should think about implementing this form of punishment.

Task 2 – Essay Type 5 – Discussion

Some people think that a sense of competition in children should be encouraged. Others believe that children who are taught to co-operate rather than compete become more useful adults. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

While some people argue that we should emphasize the importance of competition when teaching children, others take the view that focusing on cooperation is more important. In my opinion, it is better for children to be taught to cooperate.

On one side of the argument, there are people who hold the opinion that encouraging competitiveness in children will yield better results. The most compelling reason for believing this is that competitiveness prepares them for life in the real world. When students grow up, they will need to compete with other students for a place in university. Furthermore, there's no doubt that in the job market, people will be competing with many others to get a good job. Another reason is that this encourages them to excel in everything they do. When there's competition, everyone is challenged to do their best. For example, if there's a prize for the student with the highest marks in a particular subject, every student will be motivated to do his or her best. This encourages growth and the pursuit of excellence.

Despite the above arguments, I am of the view that instilling a sense of cooperation in children will prove more beneficial. Indeed, one reason why I take this position is that in many instances, winning is not everything. A society focused solely on winning and competing ignores other important traits like compassion and generosity. Such traits are important for a proper functioning of society. Furthermore, it is my opinion that achieving one's goal often requires the ability to cooperate, rather than compete, with others. In society and work, cooperation and teamwork is often required. For instance, a company will only achieve its overall goal if all parts work together and complement each other.

In conclusion, while both views are commonly held in society, I believe that cooperation is a more important value. This is because children need to understand that winning against another is not the most important thing and that cooperation often enables them to achieve their goals. Given this situation, it is recommended that schools should put more effort into promoting teamwork activities.

Task 2 – Essay Type 6 – Advantages and Disadvantages (Opinion Version)

In some countries young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies. Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages for young people who decide to do this?

In various nations around the world, many people advocate taking a gap year in order to work or travel before beginning one's tertiary education. While there is clearly a drawback to this, I personally believe that the benefits are more significant.

The disadvantage of going on a gap year is that students may end up not returning to their studies. The reason for this is that they may enjoy earning money and becoming financially independent. Therefore, their whole future could be negatively affected as these days it is very important for everyone to graduate with a degree in order to be competitive in the job market.

On the other hand, one of the major advantages is that students will be able to expand their horizons if they travel overseas. When students go abroad, they will be exposed to different cultures and customs. For example, westerners visiting a country like Thailand will be able to experience traditional Thai dance like Khon and traditional Thai sport like Muay Thai. As a result, they will gain a deeper understanding of the different places in the world.

In addition to that, students who work will be able to learn to appreciate the value of money. This is because they will realize the hard work involved in earning an income. Consequently, they would think more before purchasing anything they desire and may become less impulsive in their spending.

In conclusion, the advantages are of greater significance than the disadvantage. Despite the fact that students may not continue on studying at university, they will gain a lot of experience when they travel or learn to better appreciate money when they work. Given this situation, it is recommended that schools should encourage more students to consider taking a gap year.

Task 2 – Essay Type 7 – Two Part Expository and Opinion

Nowadays the way many people interact with each other has changed because of technology. In what ways has technology affected the types of relationships people make? Has this become a positive or negative development?

These days, the relationship people have with each other has been affected by advancements in technology. There are several ways in which our relationships have been affected and I believe that this has been negative.

Relationships have changed in the following ways. One of the major ways is that nowadays people have more acquaintances and fewer close friends. For example, many people may have hundreds and thousands of friends on social media websites like Facebook as it is easy to connect through these websites. However, most of these people are not really close friends at all. In addition, technology has led to less face-to-face interaction between people. Because using social media sites has become an integral part of the lives of many people these days and connecting with others has become so much easier as a result of such sites, most people spend more time online chatting with their friends than actually meeting them face-to-face.

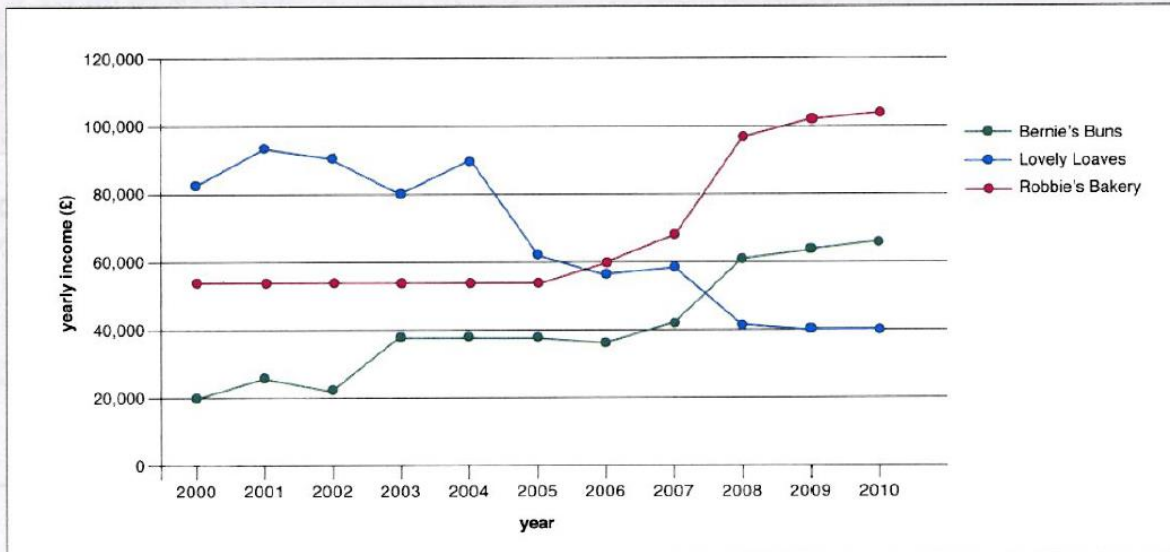
I believe that the above changes have been negative for the following reasons. In the first place, people now feel lonelier as they spend more time with the computer rather than with other human beings. Studies have shown that people need real face-to-face interaction if they want to remain emotionally healthy. Therefore, the lack of such communication has made many people become lonely and even depressed. Furthermore, many people who use technology to communicate with others are gradually losing important social skills. It is very common for people nowadays to know how to communicate and express themselves using emoticons or other forms of expression that are common online. However, an unfortunate consequence of all this is that people do not know how to express themselves properly using their body language or tone of expression.

In conclusion, because of technology, people have fewer close friends and have less direct contact with people. This development is negative as it is easier for people to feel lonely because of this and they are becoming less adept in social situations. Given this situation, it is recommended that people should seek to spend less time on electronic devices in order to improve their relationships with others.

Academic Task 1 – Type 1 – Graph with a Time Period

The graph shows data about the annual earnings of three bakeries in London, 2000–2010.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



This chart gives information about how much money was earned by three London bakeries over a 10-year period from 2000 to 2010.

In general, it can be seen that the trend for the annual income of Robbie's Bakery and Bernie's Buns was upward while there was a downward trend in the yearly earnings of Lovely Loaves.

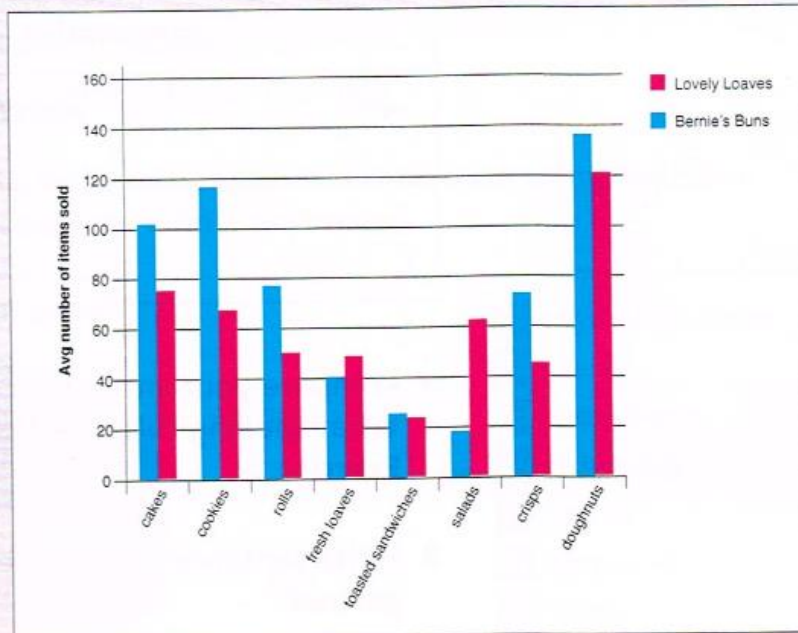
To begin with, the yearly income of Robbie's Bakery remained stable at around 55,000 pounds from 2000 to 2005. Subsequently, it increased dramatically to just above 100,000 pounds by the end of the graph. Its income overtook that of Lovely Loaves between 2005 and 2006 and became the highest income from 2006 to 2010. As for Bernie's Buns, its income began at a much lower figure of 20,000 pounds, but increased drastically to over 60,000 pounds by 2010. This figure was more than three times its original one.

The income of Lovely Loaves was the highest in 2000 at around 82,000 pounds. It fluctuated in the first four years and then plunged to half its original figure in 2010. This meant that it had the lowest income of all three bakeries.

Academic Task 1 – Type 2 – Graph without a Time Period

The graph shows data about the average Saturday sales of two bakeries in London in 2010.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



The chart gives figures for the sales of eight different items in two London bakeries on a typical Saturday in 2010.

Overall, it can be seen that doughnuts were the most popular item in both bakeries.

For Bernie's Buns, nearly 140 donuts were sold every Saturday. This figure was about 7 times more than the number of salads sold (19). The second and third bestselling item was cookies and cakes, at around 118 and 102 items sold respectively. Rolls and crisps both sold equally well at above 70 items sold.

Lovely Loaves sold nearly 20 fewer doughnuts than Bernie's Buns at around 120. Its lowest selling item was toasted sandwiches (22). While Bernie's Buns sold more of most of the items as compared to Lovely Loaves, Lovely Loaves sold slightly more fresh loaves (50 vs. 40). Furthermore, Lovely Loaves sold more than three times the number of salads as compared to Bernie's Buns, at around 62 and 18 respectively.

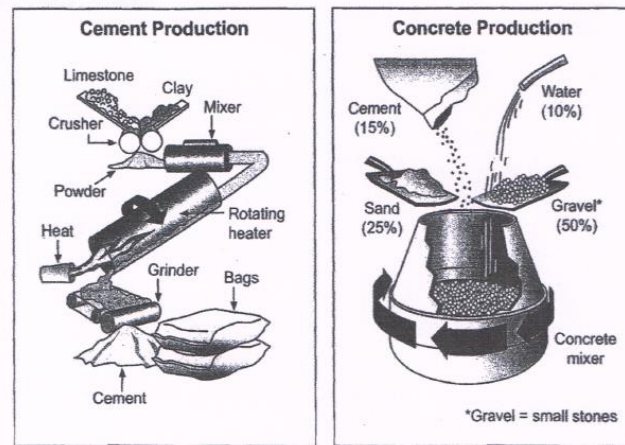
Academic Task 1 – Type 3 – Process

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You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below show the stages and equipment used in the cement-making process, and how cement is used to produce concrete for building purposes. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



The diagrams highlight the steps involved in producing cement and the process by which concrete is produced using cement.

There are six stages in the former process from the mixing of two raw materials to the packaging the cement and two stages in the latter process that involves four materials.

The first stage is that limestone and clay are crushed, which produces powder. This powder is mixed in a mixer and then moves through a rotating heater. Subsequently, the material is heated with fire. The following step is that the mixture moves along a conveyor belt and is then ground through a grinder, which produces cement. Finally, the cement is packed into bags and transported to the construction site where it is used to make concrete.

In order to make concrete, a concrete mixer is filled with 50% gravel, 25% sand, 15% cement and 10% water. Once these materials have been added, the mixer rotates until concrete is produced.

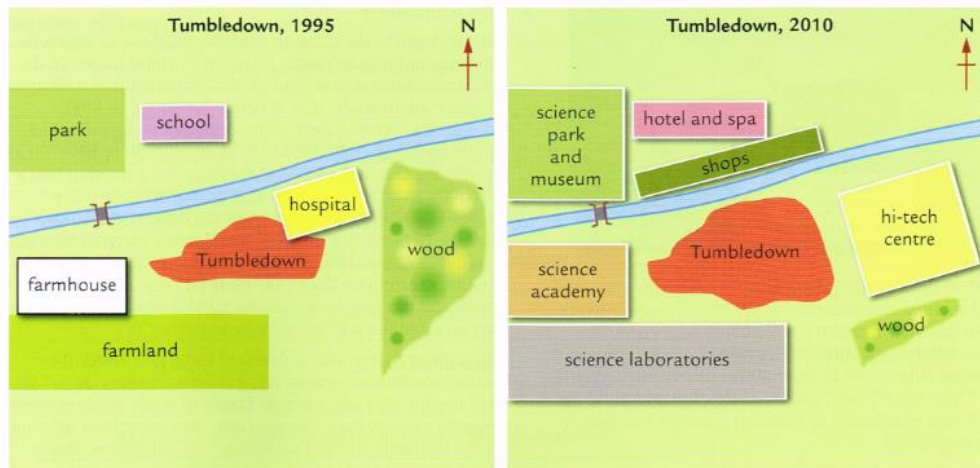
Academic Task 1 – Type 4 – Map

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below show the transformation of the area around Tumbledown between 1995 and 2010.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



The two maps illustrate the main changes which took place in Tumbledown between 1995 and 2010.

In general, it can be seen that city of Tumbledown became bigger, with more buildings than before.

To the north of the river, the park made way for a science park and museum, which was slightly bigger in size. The school, which was to the east of the park in 1995, was demolished and a hotel and a spa were built in its place. Finally, some shops were constructed to the south of the hotel and spa.

To the south of the river, there was the replacement of the farmhouse and farmland with a science academy and science laboratories. The city of Tumbledown expanded to about one and a half times its size. While there was a hospital to the northeast of the city, it no longer existed in 2010. To the east of Tumbledown, the large wood area was cut down to about 20% of its original size. The top area was replaced by a hi-tech centre by 2010.

General Training Task 1 – Type 1 – Formal Letter

You have recently bought a piece of equipment for your kitchen but it did not work. You phoned the shop but no action was taken.

Write a letter to the shop manager. In your letter

- describe the problem with the equipment
- explain what happened when you phoned the shop
- say what you would like the manager to do

(Cambridge 8, GT B)

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the washing machine I bought at your store and the poor customer service I experienced a few days ago.

Last Tuesday, I bought a Prince LS777 washing machine from your store. I installed it on the same day and it was working fine for the first two days. However, on the third day, I tried to use it but it would not start.

Immediately, I phoned your shop and spoke with one of your supervisors. He assured me that he would get back to me after a day or two and tell me what I could do to get my washing machine replaced. Because I did not receive any call from him, I called your shop again and was again promised a return call. It has been more than three days and nobody has called.

This has been a very disappointing experience for me. I would appreciate it if you could call me back at 6765 1551 as soon as you read this letter and let me know how I can get my machine replaced.

I await your prompt response.

Yours faithfully,
Rickson Gracie

General Training Task 1 – Type 2 – Semi-Formal Letter

Your neighbours have recently written to you to complain about the noise from your houseflat. Write a letter to your neighbours. In your letter

- explain the reasons for the noise
- apologise
- describe what action you will take

(Cambridge 5, GT A)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jones,

I am writing to sincerely apologize for the loud noise you heard yesterday during my birthday party.

The reason for the noise is that I was celebrating my 40th birthday party. I have not had a birthday celebration for over 15 years and therefore I planned a huge party yesterday. I invited over 50 of my friends and I guess the fun and laughter resulted in the high level of noise.

Please accept my apologies for the disruption of your sleep during the night. I did not realize that the noise was heard in your flat until you mentioned it to me this morning. It was not my intention to cause so much trouble to you.

Because of this incident, I promise to refrain from holding big parties at my flat in future. I will also ensure that any events held at my place will not produce so much noise.

Once again, I apologize for the inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,
Jackson Lee

General Training Task 1 – Type 3 – Informal Letter

Last month you had a holiday overseas where you stayed with some friends. They have just sent you some photos of your holiday.

Write a letter to your friends. In your letter

- thank them for the photos and for the holiday
- explain why you didn't write earlier
- invite them to come and stay with you

(Cambridge 7, GT B)

Dear Jason, John and Jack,

How are you guys doing? I hope you all are doing great in your studies! Exams are coming right?

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for the photos you sent me. I just received them yesterday and it was a pleasant surprise. All the pictures also remind me of the great fun we had together, especially at the beach! Thanks so much for having me over and planning the whole trip.

I'm sorry that I couldn't write to you all earlier. I just finished my final exams. As you know, this is my final year and I had to work extra hard in order to do well. My results for the first three years in college were awful so I had to make up for it this year. I hope everything goes well.

Since I'm free now and don't need to study, I'd like to invite you all to come over here. I think your exams will be over in one month's time right? Let me know if you all are able to visit me for a few days. You guys can stay in my guest room and I will plan everything for all of you.

I look forward to your positive response.

Best Regards,
Mike

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Lastly, I believe a teacher is only as good as the results he or she produces. On the next few pages are a selection of testimonials from students who passed their IELTS exam:



Ashton

to jonathan



Good evening Jonathan,

I hope this email finds you well.

Results

Listening: 8.0

Reading: 9.0

Writing: 7.5

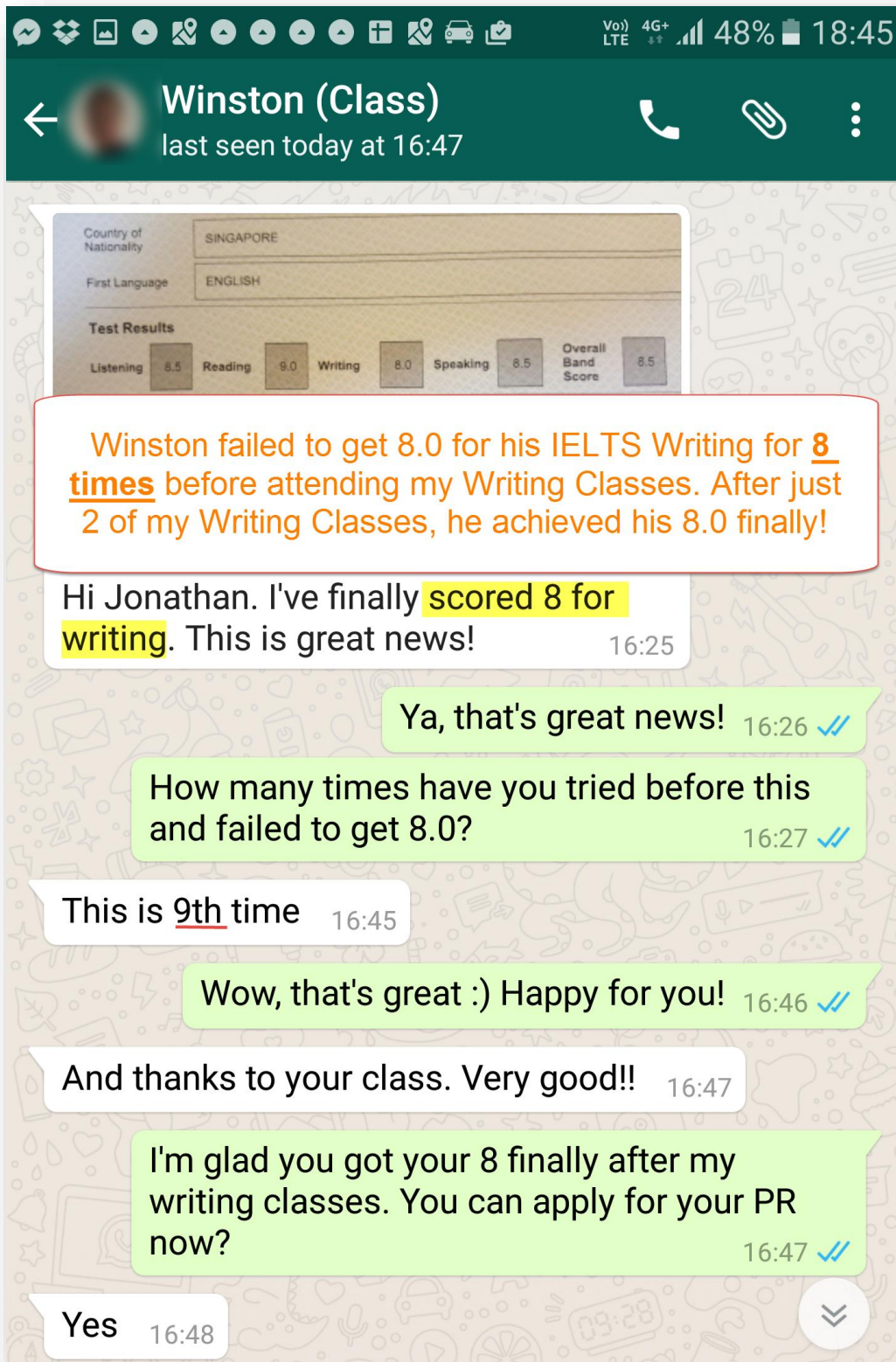
Speaking: 8.5

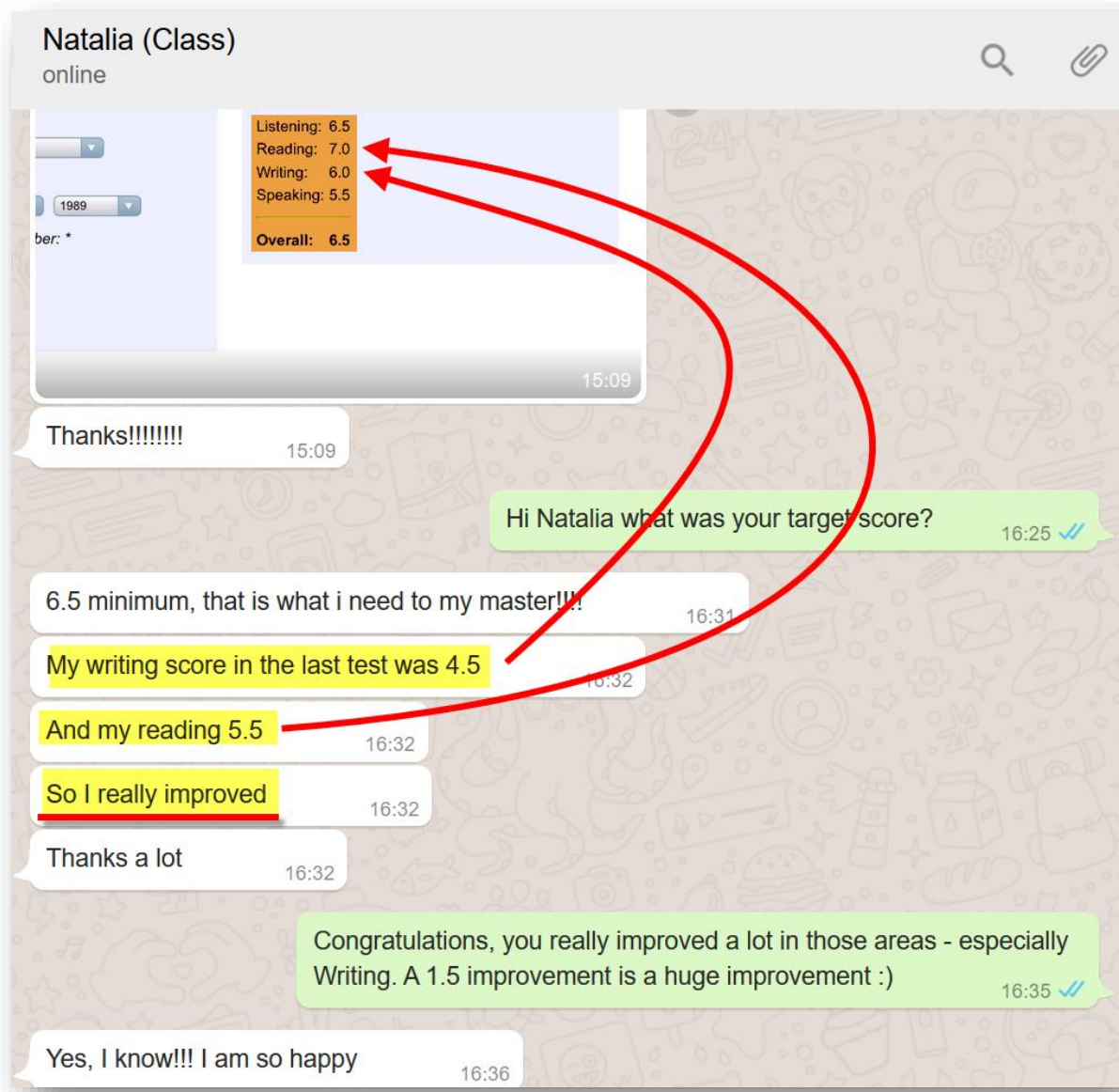
Overall: 8.5

You're an excellent instructor and your 4 classroom sessions are 16 hours of intense instruction which focuses on the techniques required to ace the IELTS exams. The voluminous notes helped with the continuity of your instructions outside of class and the exercises you supplied to us to practice ahead of the exams were priceless.

Thank you Jonathan!

Sincerely,
Ashton





to me ▾



Dear Jonathan,

I am writing to inform you that i have achieve my goal, i scored writing 7.0 speaking 7.0 reading 8.5 and listening 9.0 in IELTS general training.

Over the past two years, i have sat for IELTS at least 15 times i scored 7.0 or above for speaking, reading, listening. However, for writing module i never scored more 7.0 but 6.5 every time. i have attended at least 3 IELTS workshops and classes.

I came across Jonathan class on Google while i was looking for IELTS class. i was persuaded by his testimonials and 4 steps to writing videos. I had 2 writing classes with Jonathan, the classes were intense. We were given a lot of study material and videos to study at our own pace. I never get videos from other workshops and classes. Jonathan has developed his own technique and strategy to succeed in IELTS such as

. After attended Jonathan's classes, i realised how important grammar and word pattern is, i have been using incorrect grammar and word pattern. Another mistake i had been making was i wrote my essay with only one style, but there are 7 type of essays in IELTS. Jonathan's technique help me to write between 250 and 300 words in essay, i was writing too much in my essay and i found it difficult to complete essay in 40 minutes. There are much more i learnt from Jonathan's classes.

Jonathan, thank you so much. You have made IELTS and English interesting again. Jonathan's class is the cheapest i found on the market and the best i had experienced. If you want to achieve your IELTS goal, Jonathan is your answer.

Best regards,
Marwandi

[Redacted]  

to Jonathan ▾

Hi Sir Jonathan!

I am very glad to inform you that I've got an overall Band Score of 6.5 from last May 19 IELTS exam. Listening 6.5, Writing 6.5, Reading 6.5, Speaking 7.0.

I did not expect to get a score higher than 6 because my anxiety level on the exam day is very high and I did not have enough rest due to my work sched. On first part (listening) I did not even catch some questions. Good thing I follow your advice not to worry if this happen and just focus especially on section 2 and 3 for it has higher value on the exam. In writing part, I noticed that the techniques you taught us is very effective as well. I was able to reach a minimum 250 words without much difficulty and surprisingly faster than I had expected. I do the 2nd part of writing first since you said it gives higher score. In reading part, I made used of your techniques also and I finish this part of exam 20 minutes earlier. It gives me extra time to review my answer. Thanks to your extra advice and very detailed techniques, I am able get higher than 6 even though I am not on my best state for the exam that day.

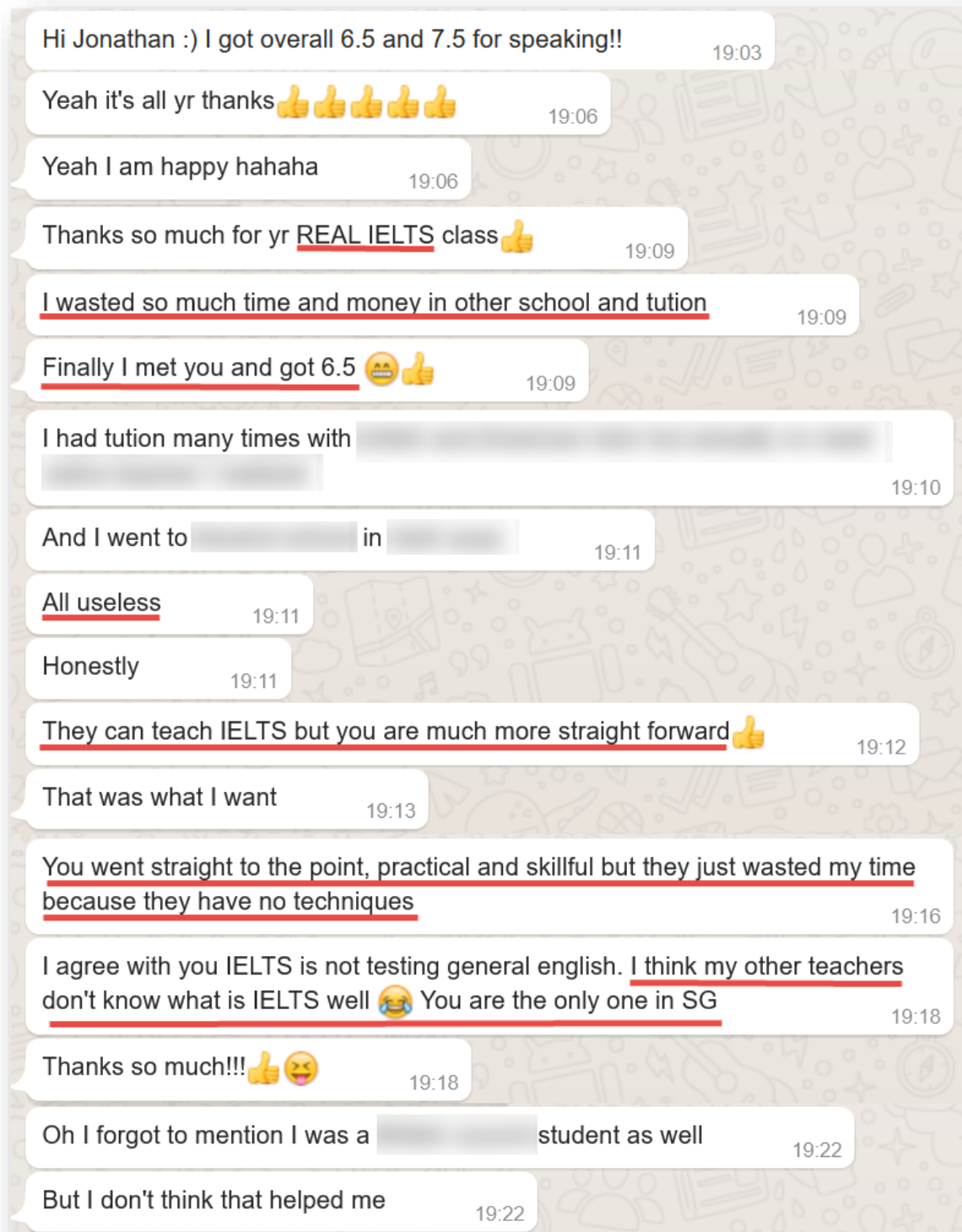
I also follow your advice to take the speaking test on seperate day and I'm glad I did. As shown in the test result, I actually do better on that day cuz I'm more relax and mostly because of your help as well. I especially remember you telling us to [Redacted]

[Redacted]. What I am trying to say is that I really consider you as one of the best mentor I ever had, like that past college prof. of mine. Thank You Very Much Sir !!! May you and your students will have greater success in the future.

P.S. please ignore my wrong grammar and sentence construction in this email, I'm just so ecstatic/excited right now to worry about it. 😊

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