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ACHIEVER LEVEL – B1

WRITING

The candidate will be able to:

- write coherently on topics of general interest linking ideas appropriately and effectively
- write clear connected text describing real or imaginary people or events
- present an argument giving points for and against, supporting and evaluating different views
- write formal letters, reports or articles to fulfil a range of functions for practical purposes
- write letters describing significant personal events, people or experiences
- use correct punctuation in formal and informal writing to enhance meaning
- correctly spell words used in work, study and daily life
- control grammar to communicate effectively although errors may occur when complex structures are attempted
- use words and expressions appropriate to topic and purpose of the writing
- adjust register in familiar contexts to suit purpose and readership
- use a range of linking words effectively to show clearly the relationship between ideas
- paragraph appropriately
- reproduce conventional features of common types of text

You recently visited City Zoo. Write a review about it for a travel website. Mention:

- the range of animals
- the food and drink facilities
- whether you think it is good value for money

Come to City Zoo for a great day out

See amazing animals from every continent.

Have fun at our daily shows, featuring: eagles, dolphins, penguins and elephants.

Family ticket — 55 euros, including a free map of the zoo.

Have lunch at our new italian restaurant or at one of our many food stalls, or enjoy our new picnic and children's play area.

Write between 100 and 150 words. ✍️

> Sample Script

Last weekend I have to take care of (1) my two cousins **as my uncles were out of town**. The weather was amazing and we decided to visit the City Zoo as I have never visited and my cousins could **not stop thinking about it**. It was an amazing experience not only for them but for me as I get to see a great number and unique animals that I have seen before (2) like elephants, tigers and even dolphins. As we get to spend the whole day in the Zoo, some point as we were really starving we have a lunch in the restaurant. Each of us got a pizza and it was delicious. I recommend to visit (3) the restaurant before you leave the Zoo **you won't regret it**. However, the ticket was a bit pricy but the overall experience was amazing.




Examiner's Comments

Criteria	Mark	Examiner's Comments
Task Fulfilment	5	<p>The candidate generally writes a connected text with brief narratives and descriptions on a familiar and straightforward topic despite some common errors encountered at B1 level.</p> <p>The candidate generally covers most of the task points and there is some variety in descriptions, but they should have elaborated more by giving more varied examples and details when covering the task points.</p>
Accuracy and Range of Grammar	4	<p>The candidate generally uses basic grammatical structures correctly, including some conjunctions, connectives and discourse markers.</p> <p>Some grammatical errors occur and some of them seem to occur when the candidate tries to employ some complex grammatical structures encountered at B1 level.</p> <p><i>Examples of errors:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) "Last weekend I have to take care of..." 2) "...that I have seen before..." 3) "I recommend to visit..."
Accuracy and Range of Vocabulary	5	<p>The candidate generally uses words and expressions appropriate to the topic and purpose of the piece of writing.</p> <p>The candidate generally uses some complex vocabulary and structures although some errors occur.</p> <p><i>Examples of complex vocabulary and structures encountered at B1 level: words in red in the text</i></p> <p>The candidate generally spells correctly the words used although some errors occur.</p>
Organisation and Coherence	4	<p>The candidate generally communicates information and ideas by demonstrating some awareness of the conventions of the intended piece of writing.</p> <p>There is use of discourse markers and conjunctions although some errors may occur.</p> <p>There is no use of paragraphing.</p>
Total Score	18	

Write a short story for a college magazine about a lucky escape you had. Describe the situation and how the characters feel about the events.

Discuss both of these views and give your own opinion.

Write between 100 and 150 words. 

> Sample Script

On Halloween my friends and I decided to go to Universal where there was a "Harry Potter" event. We are all fans of Harry Potter and we were really excited to spend the day there. I dressed up as Hermione and my friends picked up another character from the movies. At first, I didn't recognize (1) them as they were wearing strange clothes. Once we got into the tour, the room got completely dark and I couldn't see anything. At some point, I thought I lost my friends and all I was hearing (2) were screamings and the spooky music of the Harry Potter film. Then it got to be really crowded and no one could help me to escape (3) from this room. Once the lights went back on I ran to the exit and finally found my friends. The truth is that I didn't enjoy this experience there was no limitation in the number of participants which tend to be really crowded and the personnel couldn't reassure the security in this place.



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Task Fulfilment	4	<p>The candidate generally writes a connected text with brief narratives and descriptions on a familiar and straightforward topic despite some common errors encountered at B1 level.</p> <p>The candidate generally covers most of the task points, but it is felt that the structure of the text should have been clearer and more varied in style.</p>
Accuracy and Range of Grammar	4	<p>The candidate generally uses basic grammatical structures correctly, including some conjunctions, connectives and discourse markers.</p> <p>Some grammatical errors occur, and it is felt that the candidate should have employed more complex grammatical structures encountered at B1 level.</p> <p><i>Examples of errors:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) "...I didn't recognized..." 2) "...all I was hearing..." 3) "...help me to escape..."
Accuracy and Range of Vocabulary	4	<p>The candidate generally uses vocabulary adequately to meet straightforward needs.</p> <p>There are some spelling mistakes which do not affect understanding.</p> <p>It is felt that the candidate should have used more complex vocabulary and structures encountered at B1 level.</p>
Organisation and Coherence	4	<p>The candidate generally communicates information and ideas by demonstrating some awareness of the conventions of the intended piece of writing.</p> <p>There is use of discourse markers and conjunctions although there is no use of paragraphing.</p>
Total Score	16	



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