

Examiner's Comments

Writing Task 1

With 321 words, your essay exceeds the word limit of 250-290 words considered for this task. If you had written a shorter essay, you would have had some extra time to identify and correct some of the obvious **spelling mistakes** that you made in your writing:

Basicaly > Basically

Serching > Searching

Employme > Employment

Causs > Causes

In IELTS writing, we do not use **questions or attention grabbers in the introduction**. The introduction should contain your own opinion when the question asks about it. What you have written as an introduction **fails to let the reader understand the writer's view** to determine what the essay would be about. Therefore, the outline of the essay is not shown in the introduction.

Since this is an academic essay, **it should not reflect your emotions or any sarcastic points**. It should be serious and informative. Therefore, an **exclamation mark** is not usually used in such essays.

The two first body paragraphs seem to advocate the sale of fast food and soft drinks, but the last paragraph is not in harmony with them. What matters most is that until the final paragraph, it is not clear as to what position you hold.

You could have organized your essay based on the **two factors that you have mentioned in the last paragraph**: "physical diseases like heart attacks and obesity" and "mental diseases like depression and anxiety." You could have written one body paragraph on each and provided examples and further explanation.

The essay lacks a conclusion. A conclusion is not supposed to introduce new points. Besides, you have not summed up the points in the last paragraph.

You will need to **support your main points** in your IELTS essay. These **linkers** inform the reader that extra information is about to be presented;

In addition/additionally/furthermore/moreover/also/not only...but also/as well as/and

These **linking words** can also be used for **solution** essays or any essay when you need to explain the consequences of something;

As a result/consequently/therefore/thus/hence/so/for this reason

There are also **several grammatical mistakes** in the essay:

- The preposition "on" should be omitted from "limit and dictate on the type of meals." Also, the right article to use before the word "negative" is 'a.' Besides, "sold at as high as ten dollars" should be corrected as 'sold at a price as high as ten dollars.'

- In "I went to private schools when I was young and just like the rest of the businesses and institutions in the economy, schools also need funds to sustain financially whether they like to admit or not," it does not seem logical to connect the two sentences with "and" because they do not address similar points. Moreover, the fact that you went to private schools seems to be irrelevant because you have not developed the idea in a way that it sounds like you know these things because you have been there.

In addition, the term "soda drinks" is **not common**. Instead, you should have used 'fizzy/soft drinks' or simply 'soda'. Another **inappropriate word choice** is noticeable in "I personally view that this is." It should have been written as: 'I personally believe that this is.'

Finally, you have to use **more conjunctions and connectives** to improve the cohesion of your essay. I also recommend you expand your vocabulary knowledge and practice using synonyms, less common and idiomatic items to show your awareness of the style and collocation and achieve a higher score. I recommend you practice writing with the book "**IELTS BAND 9 VOCAB SECRETS, Cambridge**" which is a tremendous help for both writing and speaking skills.

BAND 5

TA	4	You generally addressed the task; the format however was inappropriate in places. You tone was variable and mechanical and sometimes inappropriate. You presented, but inadequately covered, key features and bullet points; and there was a tendency to focus on details.
CC	4	You presented information with some organisation but there was a lack of overall progression. You made inadequate, inaccurate or over-use of cohesive devices and you were repetitive because of lack of referencing and substitution.
LR	6	You used a limited range of vocabulary, but this is minimally adequate for the task. You also made noticeable errors in spelling and/or word formation that could cause some difficulty for the reader.
GRA	6	You used only a limited range of structures. You attempted complex sentences but these were less accurate than simple sentences. You also made frequent grammatical errors and punctuation was faulty; errors cause some difficulty for the reader.