



Writing Section Benchmark Set 2009

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Dear Mr. Goodwin,

I'm writing to response to your request for readers' opinion on the subject concerning the superpower which someone would deserve to have. The superpower I'd like to have most is the ability to cure fatal diseases.

In my opinion, the most important thing that someone should have in order to lead a normal life and fulfill his or her ambitions is health. Unfortunately, in our days, there are many illnesses that strike people and usually lead them to death. Cancer, AIDS and many more fatal diseases cause children to lose their parents and be left alone in our difficult world.

All these thoughts would make me choose the curing fatal diseases superpower if I was somehow able to aquire one of them. I believe that in this way I would be able to make people who suffer from fatal diseases and their families happy again. I regard this superpower as the most useful one as being unhealthy is the most important hinder that people would have to confront in order to acomplish their dreams.

I wish we could really be able to have superpowers and fix those kinds of problems. At least nobody will ever forbid us to hope about it.

Yours faithfully,

Comments on Sample L

This response exceeds the expected standard pass and is a good example of an A (high pass level). It is not error-free but is rated A because the topic is very well developed with extensive original supporting details.

This letter as a whole creates a positive effect on a reader as both the subject matter and the word choice add weight to developing a tight, persuasive argument. The use and control of more advanced-level grammatical forms like the hypothetical ("I wish we could really be able to...") also contribute to the success of this response.

Organization is smooth and effective. The connection of ideas is done in a more sophisticated way with implicit internal connections of one idea to another (such as mentioning many illnesses and then following shortly with examples of them) rather than with the typical organizational markers.

Language range and control are good and show an ability to use less frequent vocabulary such as "fatal," "ambitious," and "confront." The few linguistic errors in this response do not interfere with meaning and are overshadowed by the richness of more complex syntax ("if I was somehow able to aquire one of them") and the highly competent use of vocabulary to present ideas.

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Nowadays, superhero comics are very popular and are read by both children and adults. For this situation are responsible two things.

Firstly, these days people are keen on action films or books. That's why superhero comics are popular. They are having a good time reading these comics not only because these comics are talking about how a man or a woman can beat all the "bad guys", but because people who are reading these books, imagine themselves being a superhero who has incredible powers who saves the world and whom everyone admires.

However, for me, the most important reason that causes the popularity of this kind of literature is people's insecure. Today, people are insecure and they need to have someone to protect them. They feel unable to solve their problems on their own and they need just to imagine a person who uses his power to solve their own problem. I believe that the "bad guys", who want to destroy the world, are our fears and the super heroes who fight and beat the bad are our hopes. We need to understand, even through comics, that the good always beats the bad.

I believe that comics authors try, through their books, to make people see that they can get over their weaknesses and their problems on their own. But, anyway, everyone wants his own superhero, doesn't he?

Comments on Sample M

The topic is quite richly developed. The writer develops a sophisticated argument using superpowers as an analogy. The ideas presented flow smoothly. Standard connectors are not needed because the writer is able to craft sentences in such a way that a persuasive argument is built and tied together well from sentence to sentence and from paragraph to paragraph.

There is strong language control, particularly of complex sentences, shown in this essay. There are occasional errors such as the use of "secure" for "security," but such errors seem to be the exception in this essay and are overshadowed by the strong command of grammar and vocabulary demonstrated throughout.

Overall, this is an effective piece of writing and achieves a positive communicative effect. It addresses the prompt task directly and provides the readers a clear statement of the writer's opinion.

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Dear Mayor,

I am writing regarding an article that I have recently seen on the local newspaper and I would like to express my opinion on the new law against cell phones on public transportation.

First of all, I would like to make clear that I am of the opinion that cell phones should be used on public transportation. People nowadays have a busy life so a cell phone is necessary in every second of their life. Cell phones are not restricted in any other public place of the city and public transportation should not be an exception because people spent much time of their day in public transportation.

There are some examples to prove that a cell phone is necessary twenty four hours a day because important things could happen twenty four hours a day. Every person needs to be informed for everything that happens in his life. A relative of his may die or be in some kind of trouble. He may need to make an emergency call. He could have an important call from his work or from his boss. Something might happen to his property. All these facts could happen while he is in some kind of public transportation so it would be necessary for him to have his cell phone switched on.

I thank you in advance for considering my letter and I hope my opinion proves to be useful.

Trully yours,

(name)

Comments on Sample N

The content of this letter is quite well developed. All the supporting details are relevant and relate to the writer's stated position. The letter is well organized and easy to follow because of the writer's clear use of language and logical choice of content.

The language of this response is relatively simple but well controlled and the writer shows strong control over modal verbs (e.g., could, should, may, might) which allows the writer to present his supporting examples well. The response is not error-free, but it does represent good communication on the task. A few vocabulary choices, "twenty-four hours a day" and "switched on," help add richness and precision to this competent response.

The prompt is directly addressed and the thesis entirely clear. The writing is suitably formal for a letter to a mayor. This represent a High Pass performance level on the ECCE writing task.

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Dear Mr. Goodwin,
I am a fourteen year old student and I read your article in the City Times Newspaper. I am writing in order to give my answer to the question of what kind of superpower I would like to have and what would I do with this power.
First of all, when I was young I used to watch and read comics. I would give an extra attention to Superman because he could fly. So, the power that I would most like to have is to be able to fly. Moreover, I choose this power because I am used in flying with an aeroplane and I surtenly like it a lot. You see because my father is from Michigan all of the family has flown in many places like US, Paris, German and England.
Furthermore, sometimes I am even dreaming of flying, maybe as a way to get away from problems or fears that I might deal at the time. If I was able to have the power of flying I would travel all over the world and see all the historical places and natural, too. Moreover, if I could have this power I would use it to help people in need, or in danger. This is why I am a sponsor to the people of the third world, and as a result I would fly there to help them.
To sum up, I firmly believe that flying is one of the most beautiful things. Flying has always been an important issue for people since the old times. So, as a result we invented aeroplanes and now we also wish to fly to the moon.
Yours faithfully,
(name)

Comments on Sample O

This response to the prompt is lengthy and detailed and there are no major language weaknesses.

Although the introduction is mainly taken from the prompt itself, the main body paragraph of this letter contains extensive, relevant details explaining why the writer would like to be able to fly and explaining what he would do if she could. The third and final paragraph is also rich in supporting details but begins to veer a little off topic at the end.

The ideas in this letter are connected well with transitional markers ("so," "moreover," "you see," etc.) and these are not used mechanically. There is evidence of good control of language with sentences that are lengthy and complex with only minor errors. Because of the quantity of these errors, this letter is not an A, but it is good example of a competent response to the prompt.

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Nowadays, all people try to find some free time for themselves. So, the majority of them usually read comic books. That happens for several reasons.

First of all, they are fond of reading superhero comic books because they want to have a good time. Specially the adults, that have so many things to do every day. They are looking for something different. For example, if someone works all the time and he has only a few minutes then he can read a comic. Secondly, that kind of literature is available for all ages. In this way, parents can communicate with their children easier.

On the other hand, children love the comics because they have their imagination free. Also, these books usually have pictures, in order to help children to read them. Last but not least, all children want to become superhero one day. That type of literature is more close to their age. Of course, it doesn't mean that adults don't like!

General, I believe that it is very funny when you read comics. Though, so many people do this. If you are a child you feel like superhero and if you are an adult you feel like a child.

Comments on Sample P

The topic is quite fully developed with appropriate supporting details. The writer explains the difference between children's and adult's enjoyment of comic books. The essay is organized coherently and standard connectors are used accurately.

The writer's use of specific details makes the essay interesting to read and contributes to its communicative success. This is not a high B rating, but it is awarded higher than a C because of good linguistic control, particularly in the first couple of paragraphs, and engaging topic development throughout the essay.

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Dear Mayor,

Having read at the local newspaper, your decision to ban Cell Phones, I decided to write you this letter in order to express my opinion about this topic.

Firstly, I believe that since Cell Phones became cheap, everyone has bought one, so Cell Phones are now everywhere; inside cafeterias, cinemas, shopping stores, e.t.c. That makes Cell Phones irritating; everyone use them everywhere, showing to us a lack of respect. In my opinion Cell Phones are very irritating, especially in places where many people are together, such as buses, cinemas, e.t.c.

I strongly believe that your decision to ban Cell Phones on public transportation is right. I support your decision but I also suggest you should also ban Cell Phones at indoor public places, such as cinemas, theatres, concerts, e.t.c.

Furthermore, you can also cooperate with other cities, in order to ban these cities Cell Phones, too, in public places.

To sum up, Cell Phones, are irritating in crowded places. I support you opinion (as I pinpointed before), but I would also want to add that many citizens may don't agree with your decision to ban Cell Phones on public transportation, so you can write and publish an article about why you have decided to ban Cell Phones on public transportation.

I would be glad if you could send me your opinion and your conclusions about the topic.

I am looking forward receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,
(name)

Comments on Sample Q

This letter presented a completely clear response to the task asking whether or not the writer supports the policy banning cell phones. The response is well developed and the writer's ideas flow well with a competent use of transition markers which help the reader follow what the writer is intending to say. Some of the details are repetitive, but they are always relevant to the topic.

The writer has demonstrated a good control of sentence grammar and the occasional errors (such as, "everyone use them everywhere," "showing to us a lack of respect") are not of a kind that interfere with meaning.

This response lacks the range of vocabulary and there are too many errors to be considered an A letter. The content is developed more than a minimal passing level. This is a well-constructed response to the task that shows the writer has a good sense of a public audience that he is trying to persuade.

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Dear Mr. Goodwin,

I read your article last week in the City times newspaper and I decided to write to you because I would like to express my opinion about this subject.

First of all, when I was young (at the age of 5 years old) I read a lot of comic books. I used to read Batman, iron man, Spiderman and Scooby doo. But at the age of 7 years old, I considered who is the best superhero for me. "I would like to be Spiderman,, I said So, what's the reason of my choice? Mmm,... it's little difficult to say and expain why Spiderman is my best superheroe.

Well, I chose this superhero for one reason. He saves a lot of people in New York He is very strong and brave and he doesn't care of himself. Also, I like his face because is the "Bosse's pet,,. Peter Parker of course. We see that a variety of children and adults not only in the USA but in many parts of the word love Spiderman and I'm very surprised. His famous character and his beautiful suit make people like him very much.

If I was Spiderman, I would like to use his superpower because if I had a rensposibility, it would be to save people all over the word and to ban the worse.

I hope my letter is of some interest to you and I wish to publish it in your newspaper.

Comments on Sample R

This response is at the C (low pass) level as it generally is successful at communicating what superpower the writer would like to have and why. It is less developed in explaining the second part of the prompt task about what the writer would do with the superpower.

The letter presents information clearly and logically. The opening paragraph is, however, quite generic and could be used for any such letter task. If the writer had not demonstrated in the rest of the letter that he could express himself in other than possibly preplanned language, the letter would likely not have been rated in a passing category.

However, the response does show sufficient control of language to respond adequately. There is quite good control of grammar and sentence structure, but occasionally the writer seems to convey a meaning that is not intended as when stating being "surprised" that so many children and adults love Spider-Man having just presented a reasonably clear reason why he chose this superhero.

The letter is engaging to read because the writer does show a sense of audience. The style is somewhat more like conversational or spoken language than written English, but it is communicatively effective.

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Many people, both childrens and adults loves comic books and their superheroes have been popular for many years. My personal opinion is that comics are relaxing us and make us laughing in our free time, and is one of many reasons which I and other people love comics.

First of all children always loved superheroes because they win the bad guys and they became the heroes of the world. When you are child always want to be a person with superpowers and be important for the persons who loves you and for your friends at school. This make childrens happy and also is their first contact with their personal opinion what is good and bad.

From the other hand adults love comics because there is a pleasure entertainment for their free time, without problems. Aslo always they want to do things on their enviroment at job, at home and like common people they can't, but in their fantasy like superheroes it is possible for example to fly with their superpowers from their job to an exotic island, to save the world and become an important person.

In conclusion both children and adults want to be like a superheroe each of them for their personal reasons. The good is that comics relaxing all of us the bad is that none of us want to come back to the reality.

Comments on Sample S

The topic is developed adequately in this essay. Several reasons are given for why children and adults like superheroes and they are directly relevant to the prompt task. Although there are frequent language errors in this essay, except for being distracting, the errors are generally minor and do not interfere with communication of what the writer is trying to say. Communication is aided by the use of some quite appropriate vocabulary for this topic such as "fantasy" and "back to the reality."

While language control is a little weak, this essay demonstrates a low pass level because the writer communicates successfully with good topic development and organization of ideas. The writing task seems to have been understood, and the writer approached it in a logical manner. A reader of this essay can quite clearly understand what the writer's opinion is on the topic.

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First of all, I would like to tell that I don't believe that the cell phones must be bunned. Also, I believe that some people should understand the other people because someone may have a problem and don't hear well. In addition, the person who was talking loudly on his cell phone maybe wasn't understood that he annoy somebody. Finally, if somebody be annoyed by somebody else then he/she can tell it to him/her and don't be angry.

On the other hand, some people angry easily but they should learn to be more patient.

To conclude I believe that the cell phones shouldn't be ban because some people need them and especially people with special needs.

Yours faithfully,

(name)

Comments on Sample T

This response just meets the level for achieving its communicative goal. The writer's opinion, supported by reasonably clear support, is conveyed to a reader of this letter. The content is presented quite understandably with standard organization and the connectors that link the ideas are used appropriately.

The range of linguistic resources in this response is sufficient to make the ideas comprehensible without much reader effort. The writer shows sufficient control of the grammar of both compound and compound sentences. There are quite a few linguistic errors such as "some people angry easily" and "the cell phones shouldn't be ban," but these errors do not stop the writer's meaning from being conveyed. The language used is easy for a reader a process.

There is not enough development, and there are too many linguistic errors for this to be considered a B. If the content was not presented in such a way that made it so understandable, and if the linguistic errors had been more distracting, this letter would have been awarded a D. However, as such, this writing performance does meet the minimal low pass level of communicative success on an ECCE writing task.

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Dear Mr. Goodwin,

I'm a regular reader of your newspaper "City Times". We all know that everyone want to have a superpower.

First of all, the power that I want to have is to "read" the think of other. This way I learn what the other think for me. Moreover when someone is a little sad and he doesn't want to say to me, I will understand the problem that he will has and I will help him. So we will have a better relationships with many people that I want.

Secondly, with this power I can succeed in many thinks. For example, if I want to find a job, I can "read" the think of the headmaster and to take the job easily. Also I can impresse many people, Just doing right watever they think.

Finally, I can fall in love with a girl that I'm very impressed

I hope that the technology will do something to many people take the power that they want easily.

*Yours faithful
(name)*

Comments on Sample U

This response has limited development of the topic—an explanation of the superpower desired by the writer and why he (she) would like that superpower. We are able to generally understand that the writer would like to be able to be a mind reader, but this power is not explained clearly and the first part of the letter is not really connected with the last two statements of the letter.

There is a lot of use (overuse) of connecting words and phrases, and these are not used effectively because the sentences being connecting are sometimes confusing. There is some grammatical control evident in this letter, but there are enough errors to interfere with communication. For example, when the word "think" is used for "thoughts," a reader can get the general meaning, but such errors are quite distracting and prevent precise communication in this letter.

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It is a common belief that superhero comic books are known and likeable to people of all ages. How could we take it into our consideration?

To begin with, nowadays there are a lot of these books which help us to have a personal entertainment. For instance, if it hadn't been for Superman, we would have bored. Moreover, the heroes of these comic books have little children spend their free time reading these books. Furthermore, the authors of superhero books demonstrate new episodes, which are very exciting for children and adults. Last but not least, there are many people who believe that each comic book that contains superheroes are appropriate for their children.

To sum up, in my opinion, if all people dedicate little time in these books, they gain different things, so that they can deal with each problem which doesn't let them to enjoy their free time.

Comments on Sample V

The topic is not adequately developed in this essay. The main idea (thesis) is not clear. The essay reads like a list of statements about reading comic books.

Lots of connectors are used, but not successfully. A connector at the beginning can make the reader feel like the essay is just jumping from one idea to another. The writer also does not show adequate language control or range to say what might be intended. Sentences like, "To begin with, nowadays there are a lot of these books which help us to have a personal entertainment," are awkwardly worded, and clauses like "demonstrate new episodes" show errors in word choice.

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Dear Mayor,

I read at the newspaper that cell phones on buses or on trains are banning.

My opinion is that its wrong. I think that people who talk loudly they should pay 500 dollars.

People that don't talk loudly the could take everywhere their phones.

Cell phones are very useful from the poeples.

Most of the people are use their phones for diary for looking an hour or for messages.

With that new law people are disappointed because they use cell phones every day and now they mustn't get on buses or on trains with their phones.

Why people who are polite, must don't get on buses with their phones.

I disagree with this new law and I think that its wrong. People who are polite they are not failed on anything.

That is my opinion.

Yours sincerely,

(name)

Comments on Sample W

The topic (whether or not there should be a policy banning cell phones on public transportation) is not developed sufficiently. While the writer's thesis is clear (that she disagrees with the new law), the argument presented is not extensive enough. The introduction and conclusion do help organize the information and guide the reader, but the examples just seem randomly presented and there is no attempt to use connectors or other words to highlight the importance of the statements.

Almost every sentence contains a grammar or vocabulary error. It is possible to grasp the writer's general meaning, but the high frequency of language usage errors is distracting. The writer shows quite weak control of verb forms through this essay which contributes to the lack of communicative clarity of this essay.

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Task 2: Essay

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Dear Mr Goodwin

I write to you for to say what superpower I would like to have. I would like to fly. It's my dream!!

If I have this superpower I will could to fly all of the world. I will could to go until Egypt. I will could to go with my friends under of the sea and we to saw the people under from our. What we to do it. If I will to go very-very far away I will go very faster and don't need to pay something money.

On the other hand if I had this superpower will use for save people by everything bad where have. If this problem was England with the one flying will arrive but if there is other problem Greece with the one minute will arrive and this.

If I could to make something to take this superpower I will be very happy. But my man tell me how it's something who don't began never.

Wan't letter soon!!

Kisses

(name)

Comments on Sample X

This looks like a letter because it opens with a proper salutation ("Dear Mr Goodwin") although the closing ("Kisses") is not appropriate for a letter to a newspaper editor. The content of the letter is related to the prompt task, but development of the explanation of why the writer would like to fly and what he (she) would do with that superpower is not conveyed clearly. The letter begins well, but the rest of the letter is not completely comprehensible. It is hard to understand what the writer is trying to say as there are frequent basic grammar and vocabulary errors in the rest of the letter. These errors inhibit communication of the writer's ideas.

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All person has many hobbies who like to do like play football, basketball, chess, swimming and etc. But there are much more people who like to read books.

There are many types of books such a historic, romantic, comic. The books is important in our lives and its good to read all the persons. Both childrens and adults like the type of comic books.

The people prefer the comic books because it make them laughing. Many times they feels the hereos of comics. The comic book makes them to forget your problems and relaxing. Moreover the people discover new things about yourself.

I think that the books is very important for peoples. In particular comics who makes ours to feel power and superhero.

Comments on Sample Y

The opening sentence of this essay is related to the topic, but it is not directly enough on topic. The essay is not very well organized. Although there are paragraphs, they are not successful in organizing the essay because the ideas in the sentences are not linked together well.

This essay does not clearly explain why children and adults like comic books about super heroes. There are frequent language errors in the sentences of this essay. It is very hard for a reader to follow just what the writer is trying to say.

Prompt 2

The City Times
<p>New Law Against Cell Phones</p> <p>Early this week it was reported that two passengers on a city bus got into a fight. One was angry because the other was talking loudly on his cell phone. Today the city announced that cell phones may no longer be used on public transportation. Anyone caught using a cell phone on city buses or trains will face a fine of \$500.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ELI News Service</i></p>

Task 1: Letter

Do you support the policy banning cell phone use on public transportation? Write a letter to the mayor explaining your opinion. Begin your letter, "Dear Mayor."

Task 2: Essay

Most people have had the experience of being near someone who was using a cell phone impolitely. Do you think cell phone use in public is a serious problem or just an occasional annoyance? Give examples to support your opinion.

Dear Mayor

Hi, my name is (name) and I am a student in the first year of high school. I'm writing this letter to express my opinion about the problem.

First of all I agree don't needs the cell phones on public place because this isn't good because perhaps the other people who is side-by-side don't want to us listen. Seconds, perhaps they have problem a cell phone. Third, perhaps the people can't us listen to talking loudly on cell phone.

Other people have other opinion. They want to talking on public area because they believe that the cell phone is nessecary. And they believe that the cell phone must be take with them because they needs.

One year ago had became the same problem my village. The mayor announced with us that won't permitted a cell phone on public area. We was listen him did noisy but nothing. The law became for ever.

In conclusion I believe that shouldn't be needs cell phone on public areas.

With respect

(name)

Comments on Sample Z

The introductory paragraph is understandable but the rest of this letter does not coherently respond to the task. Although there seems to be an attempt to address both sides of the issue, the examples are so simple that development support is only minimal.

Significant basic grammar errors appear throughout this response and cause confusion to the reader. Vocabulary range and control is also inadequate. Both the degree and frequency of language errors account for the E rating of this letter.