



IELTS Practice Test Volume 5

Writing Practice Test 1

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WRITING TASK 1

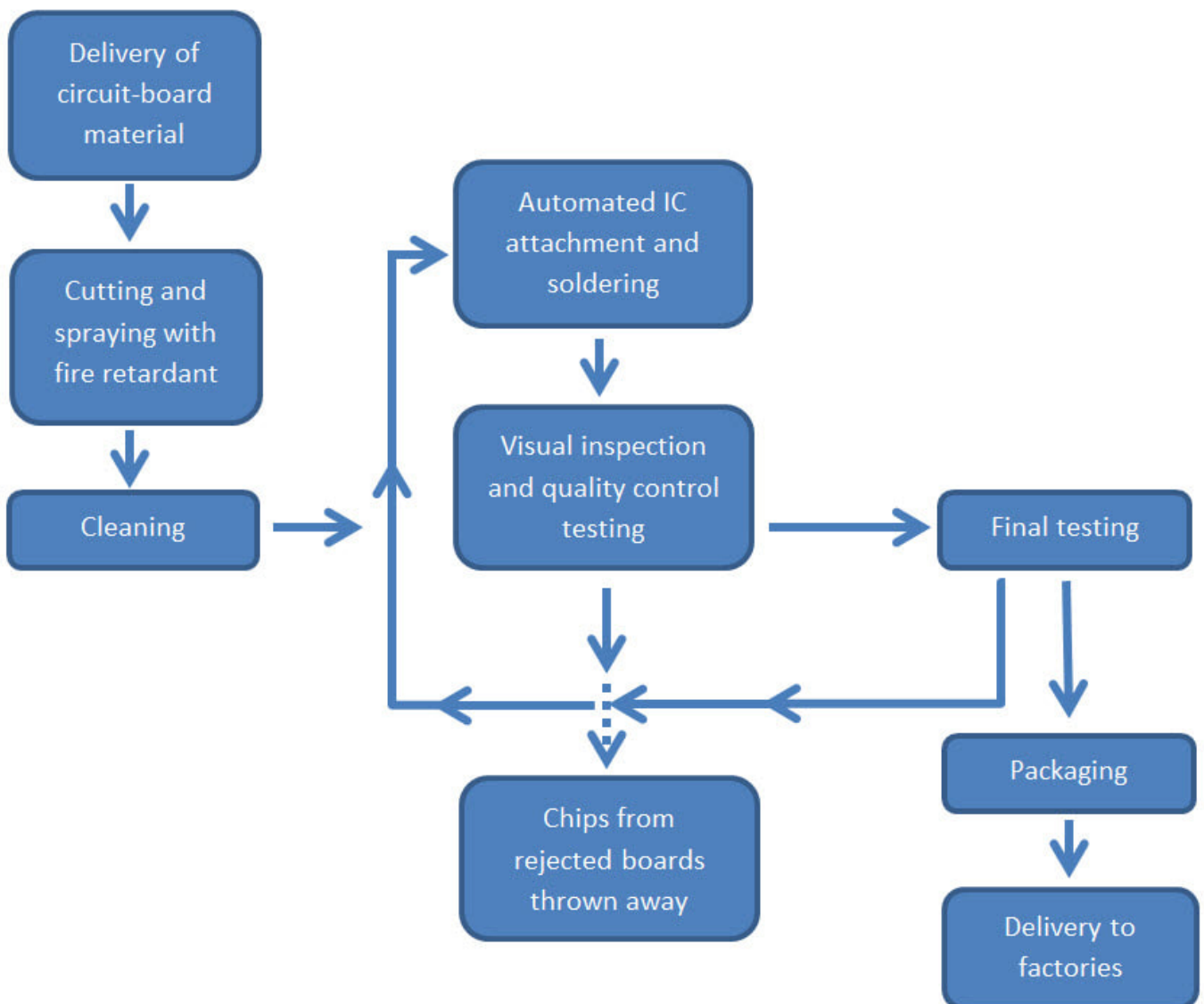
You should spend about **20** minutes on this task.

The diagram shows the production of circuit boards.

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

You should write at least **150** words.

Circuit-board Production



WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about **40** minutes on this task.

Boxing is a blood sport which often results in physical injury. It is inappropriate for this sport to exist in the modern age.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer, and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least **250** words.

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 1

Here is a summary of the process by which IC-operated circuit boards are manufactured.

Generally speaking, there are three stages, the first being the preliminary treatment of the unadorned boards. This is followed by IC application, involving a feedback loop in the event of defects, ultimately leading to some operational trials and cosmetic touches, and an end product ready for integration into electronic goods.

Regarding the first stage, the base material is delivered in bulk for cutting to appropriate size, and fire-proofing, after which the units are cleaned of detritus (including the doubtlessly copious quantities of sawdust).

Moving to the mid-processes, machines perform the intricate IC attachment and soldering, although, reassuringly, human eyesight is required for the subsequent inspection and checks. Compromised boards are stripped (through an undisclosed mechanism), with the chips discarded, this presumably being more cost-effective than fault-finding and repair. Then follows a return for IC attachment - creating a cyclic path that could conceivably continue indefinitely until a fault-free product eventuates.

Considering the final part, various tests confirm functionality. Failing these, the boards are entered (again) into the central cycle, providing a scrupulous dual assurance of quality, leaving only fully secured products to be suitably packaged for transportation onwards to factories.

One might imagine that, with miniaturisation and advancing technology, the process may, in time, become fully automated.

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

Modern satellite communication has given sports events a global reach, consequently allowing high-profile boxing matches unprecedented levels of viewership and popularity. Despite this, and the revenue that boxing at this level inevitably generates, I would argue that it should, in fact, be banned.

One reason is the obvious inappropriateness of basing an activity on the specific intention to maim others. Human heads, housing delicate sensory apparatus, were never designed to be pummeled with blows. It is thus particularly grotesque that these features should be targeted for destruction, and beneath the dignity of our species to consider it entertainment. Such an attitude, a regression to the dark days of gladiatorial combat, relegates spectators and participants alike to a bestial level, certainly a misplaced message to send a society already struggling with issues such as domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, and hooliganism.

The essentially wasted human resource is another reason supporting the abolition of boxing. Few fighters achieve great success or the lofty heights (and huge fortunes) of Mike Tyson. Most

are just fodder for low grade, blood-splattered, and barely commercial 'punch-ups'. and ultimately, these warriors all face that sad and inevitable descent into obscurity (and possibly, symptoms of brain damage). Society undoubtedly has better destinies on offer, of greater worth and utility, which can be pursued* without undue or excessive effort.

Many boxers themselves would claim their sport offers legitimate livelihoods they might otherwise be denied. There is some truth in this, but it could only be limited, since for all winners there must necessarily be losers, and I would contest absolutely that the latter cohort, sporting splayed noses, swollen lips, and bruised faces, can profess satisfaction with their lot. One wonders whether Mohammed Ali himself, trembling under the effects of his premature onset of Parkinson's disease, would actually defend his profession, or wish it on others.

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