

# IELTS Practice Tests Plus Volume 1

## Writing Practice Test 4

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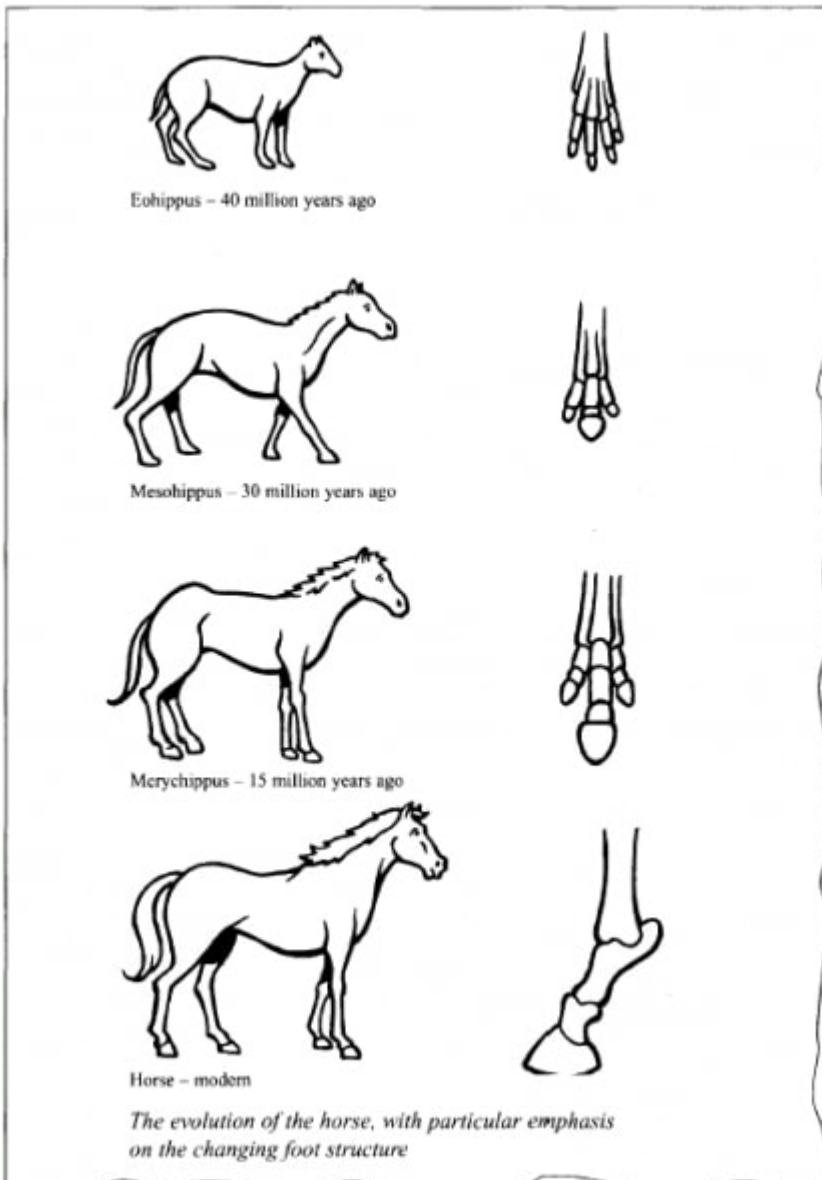
# WRITING TASK 1

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

The diagrams below show the development of the horse over a period of 40 million years.

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

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



# WRITING TASK 2

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

'Failure is proof that the desire wasn't strong enough'

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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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

The diagram presents the evolution of the horse from Eohippus to modern kind, with particular significant changes in foot structure, in a 40-million-year period.

Initially, the first species of horse, which is called Eohippus, had a small body and a snout. It had tiny toes that were separate from each other. Eventually, about 10 million years after, an ancestor of the modern horse evolved into Mesohippus, which body enlarged while the tail and snout became longer. At this point, the middle toe of its leg also enlarged.

Once the first two evolution stages finished, it can be seen that equine transformed into Merychippus with muzzle like a modern species of horse, developed thigh and an emerged mane, at about 15 million years ago. At the same time, two basidigital bones reduced, whereas the middle toe became even large, resembling a hoof. Over time, Merychippus evolved into well-known modern horse with developed elbow, ankle joints, long tail and crest. Here, reduced metacarpals turned into fetlock and a present hoof emerged.

As a result, a horse went through different evolutionary stages before transforming into contemporary type.

# SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

Everyone has undergone through difficult changes and experienced ups and downs in his or her life. It is undoubtedly a normal trend in our life. However, I do not entirely agree that failure is dependent only on someone's insufficient wish to succeed in specific area.

It does not seem unreasonable to suggest that during evaluation of this situation many factors should be counted. Firstly, life circumstances in which are people. Someone, for instance, may have set a goal to launch a business but unexpectedly got married. This case is understandable and does not deserve any blame. One may prefer making a family while another would rather continue going straightforward to his or her dream. It is an individual choice based on personal preferences and life principles.

On the other hand, I agree that failure means the person was not goal-driven and self-disciplined enough. This relates to many cases including a well-known problem with obesity. If a person has decided to loose certain amount of weight than no obstacles should stop him. He does not have to give any easy or make excuses. In fact, if his goal is not achieved, as a result he will not prove to himself he is strong and motivated human being. It means his wish was not powerful enough.

The famous and great people of history have tried many things over and over again and there were lots of experiment that were not successful. The failure is not the key measurement of the

determination and effort put towards accomplishing something.

One could draw the conclusion that everything depends on individual. Human being may accomplish tremendous results as a proof of indescribably powerful motivation or end up without completing fully his task.