

## IELTS Practice Tests Plus Volume 3

Writing Practice Test 7

## HOW TO USE

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## WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.
The charts below show the percentage of time younger and older people spend on various Internet activities in their free time (excluding email).

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

You should write at least 150 words.

Percentage of time spent on some internet activities (18-26 age group)


Percentage of time spent on some internet activities (60-70 age group)


## WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Some people feel that the legal age at which people can marry should be at least 21.
To what extent do you agree or disagree?
You should write at least 250 words.

## SAMPLE WRITING TASK 1

The pie charts indicate that there are some major differences but also a number of similarities in the proportion of time younger and older people spend on six different activities in the Internet.

The most noticeable difference relates to the most popular activity for each of the groups. Social networking is the most favoured activity for the younger group, accounting for 24 percent of their time on the Internet.

This contrasts with just eight percent spent on this by 60 to 70 year olds. The largest percentage of Internet time for older users (29 percent) was spent on making bookings, for example for travel, while for younger users this was their least popular activity, at just five percent.

In other activities there were surprisingly similar percentages for the two groups. Both groups spent a fairly large amount of time researching, for example, health matters ( 26 percent for older people, 20 percent for younger). The younger age group spent 21 percent of their time accessing music and films but this was only four percent more than the older age group. Finally, there was only two percent difference between the two groups in the proportion of time they spent buying things on the Internet.

## SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

It is widely agreed that a happy and stable relationship in marriage is the bedrock of any community, with a greater likelihood of responsible partners, and if children result, harmonious families. Because of this, it is important to support the institution of marriage in every way possible. One important question in relation to this is: at what age should couples be allowed to marry?

There are a number of reasons for making the minimum legal age for matrimony as late as possible. Many would argue that people in their 20s are able to make much more rational and informed decisions than teenagers can. Older people will have seen enough of the world to know that that the feelings they hold for someone at a given moment may not last. They will realise that superficial characteristics like physical beauty or sporting prowess may not be the only ones to bring happiness in a relationship. Older couples are likely to give more consideration to issues such as income and job prospects, but also to less obvious but important personality traits such as tolerance, kindness or moral strength.

However, other people contend that it is unrealistic to make couples wait until their 20s before marrying. They suggest that as soon as the boy and girl have reached puberty they should be allowed to marry. To prevent them doing so would result in resentment between the generations, frustration and an increase in the number of unsupported pregnancies. If married
teenagers are given enough help and support, they can have children when they are young and healthy enough to enjoy them.

Taking into account both these sets of arguments, I feel that 21 is probably too old but that 18 should be made the legal minimum at which couples can marry.

