



IELTS General Training Volume 3 Writing Practice Test 2

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WRITING TASK 1

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

A friend you met last year has invited you to visit him/her in his/her country. You have never been there before and need some information before you leave.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter:

- request advise about a gift for his/her family
- ask about activities and clothing in his/her country
- find out about the food

You do **NOT** need to write any address.

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



WRITING TASK 2

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

Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no special knowledge of the following topic:

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News editors decide what to broadcast on television and what to print in newspapers.
What factors do you think influence these decisions? Do we become used to bad news?
Would it be better if more good news was reported?

Use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.

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

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 1

Dear John,

I was delighted when I saw your letter containing the invitation to visit your country. I'm thankful to you for that. It has always been my dream to visit England and to my fortunes; you have provided an opportunity to fulfill my desire. I would be visiting your country next month. But, since I have never been there, I would need some information from you.

First of all, I would like to bring a special gift from India to your family. Let me know the kind of present you would like to have. Further, suggest me the sort of clothing that would suit me to wear in London. Also, let me have some details about the kind of activity you recommend for me in London. On top of it, I would like to know about the type of food that would be available from time to time.

Looking forward to hearing from you at the earliest.

Yours,

Michael

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

In today's modern world, a growing amount of news and information on television or newspapers have considerably influenced the public. Besides, what factors are impacted on reporting information on news media is an issue many people feel strongly about. This essay will discuss various influences as well as associated with phenomenon above.

As far as I am concerned, there is a wide range of factor accounting for publishing news and broadcasts. The most noticeable, I believe, is that aiming at a high audience rating so as to maximise profits. This leads to pursuing the increasingly diverse needs of viewers from all walks of life in order to satisfy and cater to them. Another contributory factor is that for many countries, news editors have to succumb to political pressure, distorting facts and misleading the public. To put it another way, they are controlled entirely by powerful political parties and enjoined to disregard the truth. This is particularly true in many undemocratic countries like Chinese, North Korea, and Vietnam where information is seriously censored and even disseminated political ideals to guide public opinions.

Moreover, living in the information era, people are bombarded with the daily amount of news, including good and bad news, from multiple media. Today's coverage and press might sometimes be less trustworthy mainly because it often exaggerates the level of the real information, in order to boost the attention of the desired audiences. Furthermore, some media companies use the stories of people's private life, seductive images and violent or obscene

contents to appeal viewers, especially teenagers. It means that their thoughts and behaviours might be changed and shows a tendency to hatred, violence, jealousy, and even copycat phenomenon. However, the role of news media in reporting good news, such as someone's achievement and human stories, should be acknowledged. That will make quicker progress toward society better.

In conclusion, what today's news and information on media we receive is influenced by some main factors as hooking viewers, increasing profits, and obeying political regulations. Besides, the news media can have a double-edged impact on society by the good and bad news. By doing so, we can ensure that choosing information carefully before reading and watching are indispensable to us.