

IELTS Academic

Writing Module — Academic Version • Practice Paper 03

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.
- Write your name and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.
- All answers must be written in the answer booklet provided. Do not write in the margins.
- This paper contains two tasks. You must complete **both** tasks.
- Task 1 requires at least 150 words. Task 2 requires at least 250 words.
- The total time allowed is 60 minutes. It is recommended to spend 20 minutes on Task 1 and 40 minutes on Task 2.
- Task 2 carries twice as many marks as Task 1.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Task Achievement / Response	25%
Coherence and Cohesion	25%
Lexical Resource	25%
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	25%

BAND SCORE DESCRIPTORS (Writing)

Band 9 Expert user rare and sophisticated usage	Band 6 Competent user some inaccuracies in complex language
Band 8 Very good user occasional unsystematic errors	Band 5 Modest user frequent problems with accuracy
Band 7 Good user occasional mistakes, handles complex ideas	Band 4 Limited user basic communication only, many errors

WRITING TASK 1

Process Diagram ■ Recommended: 20 minutes ✎ Minimum: 150 words

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below illustrates the eight main stages involved in producing recycled paper from used paper waste.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features of the process.

The Process of Producing Recycled Paper from Waste Paper



Source: adapted from the Confederation of Paper Industries technical brief.

KEY FEATURES TO DESCRIBE The process is linear with eight discrete stages · It begins with collection and ends with reeling · Three stages involve water or chemicals (pulping, de-inking, refining) · Mechanical action dominates the latter half (pressing, drying, reeling)

TASK 1 — ANSWER SHEET

Write your answer in the space below. An answer written in this space will be marked.

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WRITING TASK 2

Advantages & Disadvantages Essay ■ Recommended: 40 minutes ✎ Minimum: 250 words

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Online shopping has grown rapidly in many countries over the past two decades, with consumers now buying everything from groceries and household goods to clothing and electronics through internet retailers, often in preference to visiting physical shops. This shift has transformed retail high streets, supply chains, and consumer behaviour alike.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this development.

PLANNING GUIDANCE

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. A strong response treats **both** sides with comparable weight — do not simply list one or two advantages and devote the remainder of the essay to disadvantages, or vice versa. Develop each point with explanation and, where possible, a concrete example. A clear introduction that paraphrases the prompt and a conclusion that synthesises your overall view are expected. Examiners reward analytical depth and coherent paragraphing over the sheer number of points raised.

TASK 2 — ANSWER SHEET

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