

# IELTS Academic

Writing Module — Academic Version • Practice Paper 05

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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)

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

# WRITING TASK 1

Data Table ■ Recommended: 20 minutes ✎ Minimum: 150 words

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows the average number of hours per week that adults in **four countries** spent on six different categories of activity in **2022**.

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

**Average Weekly Hours Spent on Selected Activities by Adults — 2022**

Activity	United Kingdom	Japan	Germany	Brazil
Paid work	36	42	35	39
Sleep	56	51	56	54
Leisure & socialising	26	19	28	25
Household chores	14	15	13	17
Childcare & care duties	8	7	8	11
Other (commuting, eating, personal care)	28	34	28	22
<b>Total (hours per week)</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>168</b>

Source: OECD Time Use Survey, 2022 (compiled from national statistics agencies).

**KEY FEATURES TO DESCRIBE** Japan recorded both the highest paid-work figure (42 hours) and the lowest leisure figure (19 hours) · UK and German respondents had identical sleep figures (56 hours) and similar leisure totals · Brazilian adults spent the most time on household chores and care duties combined (28 hours) · Each column totals 168 hours — the number of hours in a week

# 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

Opinion Essay (Outweigh) ■ Recommended: 40 minutes ✎ Minimum: 250 words

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

Write about the following topic:

In recent years, an increasing number of employees in many countries have begun working from home for at least part of the working week, rather than commuting to a traditional office every day. Employers and workers alike are still adjusting to this shift, and there is considerable debate over whether it represents genuine progress or whether its costs have been understated.

**Do the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?**

## PLANNING GUIDANCE

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. This question requires a **clear opinion**: you must judge whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages or vice versa, and defend that position throughout. Acknowledging counter-arguments strengthens a response, but a balanced essay that fails to commit to a view will be penalised under Task Response. Develop each point with explanation and, where possible, a concrete example. State your position in the introduction and reaffirm it in the conclusion. Examiners reward analytical depth and a coherent line of argument over the sheer number of points raised.

## TASK 2 — ANSWER SHEET

*Write your answer in the space below. Continue on the additional sheet if required.*

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