

IELTS Academic

Writing Module — Academic Version • Practice Paper 10

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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

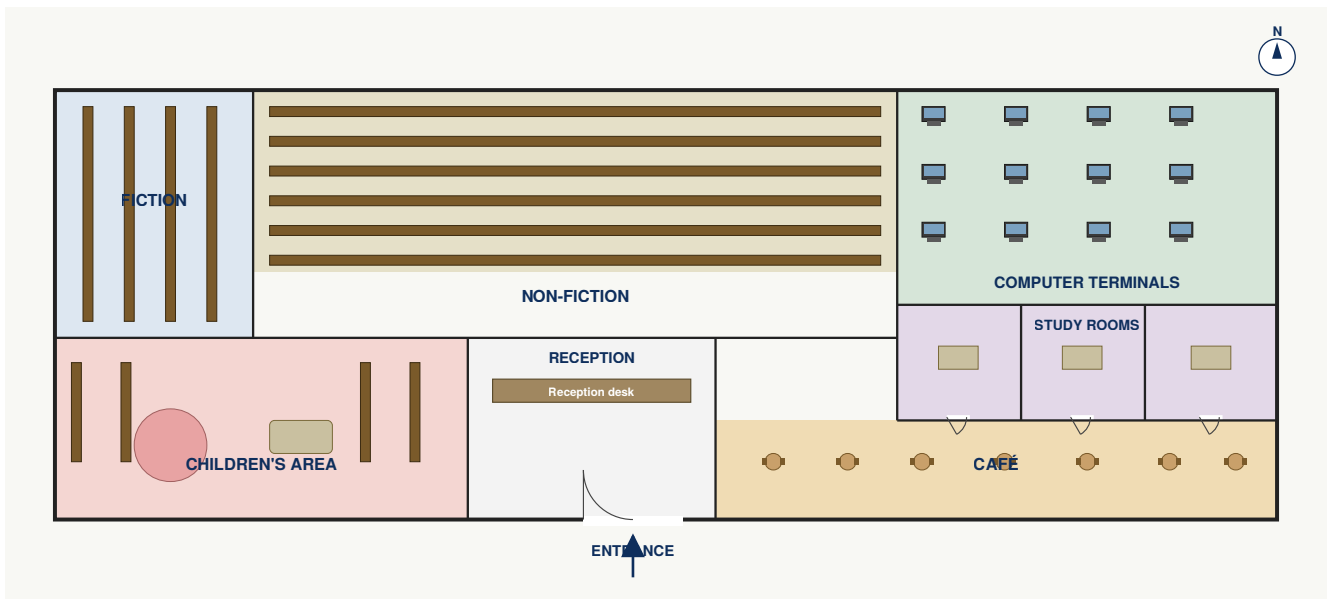
Floor Plan — Building Layout ■ Recommended: 20 minutes ✎ Minimum: 150 words

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the floor plan of **Riverdale Community Library**, a recently refurbished single-storey public library serving a town of approximately 30,000 residents.

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

Riverdale Community Library — Ground-floor Layout



Source: adapted from architectural plans submitted by Riverdale District Council.

KEY FEATURES TO DESCRIBE The entrance and reception sit at the southern centre of the building, dividing it broadly into quiet and active zones · Bookshelves line the western wall (fiction) and northern wall (non-fiction) · Computer terminals and three small enclosed study rooms occupy the eastern half · The children's area and the café are positioned at opposite corners, well away from one another

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

Positive or Negative Development Essay ■ Recommended: 40 minutes ✎ Minimum: 250 words

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In many countries, an increasing number of young adults continue to live with their parents well into their late twenties and thirties, often delaying or rejecting the move into independent housing. This pattern — sometimes referred to as the ‘boomerang generation’ in English-speaking media — is becoming more visible across very different cultures and economies.

Is this a positive or a negative development?

PLANNING GUIDANCE

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. This question requires a **clear evaluation**: you must decide whether the trend is, on balance, positive or negative, and defend that view throughout. You may acknowledge points on the other side — doing so often strengthens an essay — but a response that surveys both sides without taking a position will be penalised under Task Response. Causes and effects can be brought in as supporting evidence, but the essay should be organised around your evaluation rather than around describing the trend itself. 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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