

Overall: 5.5

Task 1 - 5.5

Grammar (GR) 6, Lexical Resource (LR) 5, Cohesion and Coherence (CC) 6, Task Achievement (TA) 5

Your essay is clearly organised and you have made an effort to group data and find patterns by comparing two of the graphs. Although your data analysis is reasonably effective you have not used words/expressions such as '*roughly*', '*just over*' or '*approximately*', for example, when describing the figures, which means when you make comments such as '*compared to 40 per 1000 people*' they are inaccurate because the figure is clearly not exactly 40, so '*compared to roughly 40 per 1000 people*' would be much better. The most worrying aspect about your essay for someone who is attempting to obtain a Band 7 is that you make no effort to **paraphrase** the main ideas displayed in the 3 graphs and simply repeat the expressions (*schooling years, developing countries*, for example) throughout the your writing. You have to show the examiner your range of vocabulary by paraphrasing throughout your writing. In addition, in English writing we tend to avoid repetition.

Task 2 - 5.5

Grammar (GR) 6, Lexical Resource (LR) 6, Cohesion and Coherence (CC) 6, Task Response (TR) 5

Your essay looks like an essay with clear paragraphs, however the introduction is short, does not paraphrase the main idea at all and, although you do give an opinion, you do not give the counter view. There is too much repetition of lexis in the first paragraph and your word choice for someone attempting a Band 7 is poor - everything you write on the paper should make your essay better, so using words / expressions like 'good' add nothing of value in terms of vocabulary. Using personal examples from your own life is not academic style and we must see your stated opinion throughout the essay - these two comments related directly to your essay indicate why you only score Band 5 for Task Response (TR). Referring to the role you carried out at school as voluntary work simply because you were not paid for it is misleading to the reader and might suggest that you may not understand the term completely. There are always at least two sides to any issue, and you would be better advised to acknowledge more the benefits that young people can receive from having a part time job, for example, while at school, which is how things are in many countries. To obtain a Band 7, I would suggest you introduce both your stance **and** the counter argument to the topic under discussion