

### **Writing Task 2: Marking Explained**

The examiners are looking at four areas when they mark your writing:

#### **Task response**

This section is concerned with **answering the question**. In order to respond well to the task, you should:

- Answer all parts of the task
- Give a clear argument throughout the essay
- Extend and support your ideas
- Write enough words
- Present in an essay format

#### **Coherence and Cohesion**

This section is concerned with how the writing is organized and how naturally it flows. To ensure coherence and cohesion, pay attention to:

- Paragraphs with clear topics
- Logical order of ideas
- Linking words and phrases (not over-used)

#### **Lexical Resource**

This section is concerned with the use and variety of vocabulary used. You should think about the following points:

- Variety of vocabulary – using synonyms and less common words
- Appropriate vocabulary – connected to the topic
- Spelling
- Collocation – using the right words together
- Word families – using the right form of the word in the right place

#### **Grammatical Range and Accuracy**

This section is concerned with the correctness of your grammar and the range of sentence structure. You should think about:

- Accuracy
- Correct punctuation
- Complex sentence structures
- Range of sentence structures