

Essay Marking Service

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	Writing Part 2
Task achievement / response	<p>You have responded very well to the question and provided supporting ideas and examples that are very relevant.</p> <p>You have also stated your opinion clearly throughout – both in the introduction, the main paragraphs and the conclusion and this helps to raise your task response score.</p> <p>You could have explained your first idea about why parents should influence children’s educational decisions in a little more detail. For example, parents have more experience about education than their children do and have possibly learnt from their own mistakes.</p> <p>Band 7</p>
Coherence and Cohesion (structure)	<p>A very well structured essay with each paragraph containing a new idea. In general, you’ve also used linking devices well at the beginning of new paragraphs to signpost the reader (The first matter which I can think of relates to ... / Another case in point deals with).</p> <p>To improve cohesion (linking), you could have made better use of linking words such as In addition/furthermore for new ideas on the same topic or In contrast/on the other hand for contrasting ideas.</p> <p>Have a look at this useful handout from IELTS: http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/IELTS%20Writing-%20Coherence%20&%20Cohesion.pdf</p> <p>As your sentences are very long in places, your ideas can become unclear. This affects coherence (understanding).</p> <p>Band 6.5</p>
Lexical resource	<p>You have command of some high-level vocabulary which you use effectively. You’ve also made good attempts at paraphrasing keywords used in the question.</p> <p>Do be aware of unnatural collocations (word partners) such as ‘jobs matter’ and ‘enlarge their view of the world’ and phrases which are too informal for academic writing (I reckon, at the end of the day). You might find this website useful to check collocations: http://www.just-the-word.com/</p> <p>Band 6</p>

Grammatical range and accuracy	<p>Your grammar is very strong. You handle tenses and complex sentences well and have written a number of sentences without grammatical error.</p> <p>You have a tendency to use ‘the’ when you refer to ideas in general (the jobs, the tertiary education) and ran into occasional problems with verb forms.</p> <p>Otherwise, a very strong area for you.</p> <p>Band 7</p>
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OVERALL COMMENTS

Band 6.5 approximately.

Carlo, you write very well and have produced an essay that is very close to a 7 (I have given you a cautious 6.5 but you were halfway between that and a 7).

As you don't have much time before the exam, my advice would be to focus on keeping your sentences shorter and less complicated and only using vocabulary that you are familiar with. Don't try and learn and new language between now and the exam.

Apart from that, please take on board the comments above and in your attached essay.