

## **Jasvinder – essay marking**

Jasvinder, overall you write well and have a good command of grammar and a high level of vocabulary.

You make some small mistakes that will effect your score – not using articles (a, an, the) and putting the wrong for the verb with the subject (the governments *does* – it should be the governments *do*).

You're also writing too much which is not going to increase your score. Keep close to the word count and write accurately rather than write lots and make mistakes.

Really take note of what I have written and use this website for some more advice:

[www.ielts-simon.co.uk](http://www.ielts-simon.co.uk). It's a great website written by an IELTS examiner.

## **Part 1**

### **Introduction**

Perfect

### **Main body**

You have written too much. I would guess your word count is nearer 250 words than 150 words. You can cut down on this by picking out the most important points rather than writing about everything. Just make the most important comparisons, for example:

- Overall, hamburgers are the most popular convenience food whereas pizza is the least popular.
- Richer people spent over 40 pence a week on hamburgers, whilst the poorest people only spent 14 pence per week on the same food.
- Fish and chips were purchased more by average income earners than by any other group.

### **Conclusion**

Where you have two graphs that you can't compare, you don't need to write a conclusion.

[Have a look at this model essay for an idea on how to approach this task:](#)

## **Part 2**

### **Introduction**

- Your introduction is too long for a 250 word essay. 2 sentences is enough:
  - Sentence 1: Topic sentence (what is the subject of this essay)
  - Sentence 2: Response sentence – either what do you believe (***I think rich countries have a duty to support poor countries and I will outline my reasons below***) or

something more general (***I will discuss this topic below***).

What you wrote in sentences 2 and 3 of your introduction is fine.

### **Main body**

- Your 3<sup>rd</sup> point (*Thirdly, people are less educated .....*). You spend too much time outlining the problems.

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### **Conclusion**

- Your conclusion is also too long. 1 sentence is enough and all you need to do is state your opinion:

- This would be perfect: ***According to my point of view, international aid is essential in a crisis, but it is the responsibility of poor governments to use this aid in a wise manner.***

- Don't introduce new ideas in your conclusion – you say that aid is good in a crisis situation but this is the first time you have talked about crisis situations.

### **General points**

- Be careful of your articles – a and the before plural nouns.

- Don't use very long sentences. You are more likely to make mistakes and they can be confusing. Simple is best!