# Writing Test Responses Commentary for Practice Test 1

# **CEFR Level: A2**

#### Task 1:

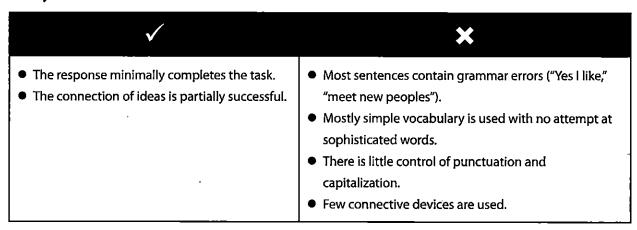
1. Do you like meeting new people? How often do you meet new people? Yes, i like. Twice a month.

2. Where is a good place to meet new people?
Partys and school it's best place to meet new peoples.

3. Tell us about an interesting person that you met.

Last month i meet my friend Alfonso, He is very funny and nice.

# **Commentary:**



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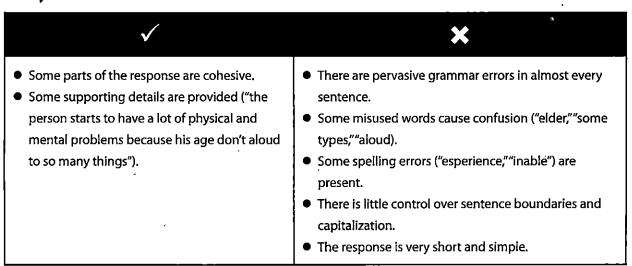
#### Task 2:

Some people believe workers should have to retire, or stop working, at a certain age. Other people believe older people's experience can help a company. Do you think there should be a required retirement age? Explain, giving specific reasons for your choice.

When People get older they get inable to do some works, so i think, when someone get elder He can retire if he want, but the company can ask some types because the person have lot of esperience in this area.

If someone Don't retire, the person starts to have a lot of physical and mental problems because his age don't aloud to so many things so the person start to get business

# **Commentary:**



## **CEFR Level: B1**

#### Task 1:

1. Do you like meeting new people? How often do you meet new people?

Yes, I really like meet new people, because you learn about society, how to treat with people you don't know and hang out more. I always meet new people.

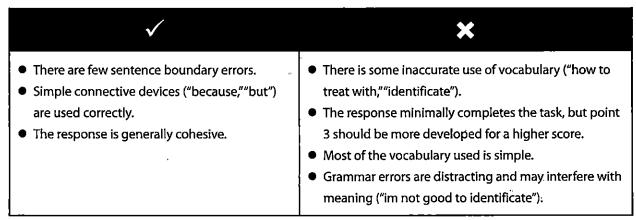
2. Where is a good place to meet new people?

I think that the best place to meet new people is a park or the internet, because in the park you can do a lot of activities, like playing soccer, for example.

3. Tell us about an interesting person that you met.

I think that I don't have an Interesting person, or maybe yes. But im not good to identificate those people.

# Commentary:



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#### Task 2:

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I think that the person will decide if he wants or he can retire, but i also think that should be a Required Retirement age, like 55 years old, 60, 65, depending the job, for example if you Retire as an officinist, the Required Retirement age will be like 60 years old because at that age the most of the people dont Read very well.

But if your work is so hard like fireman, I think that the Required retirement age will be 50 years old and even less, because the firemans have to run, drive fast and well take a heavy ladder and save people in the house building, school, or other structure that is on Fire.

So in general I think that yes, there should be a Required Retirement age and that age is 50-55 years old. Now, Respect with the age and experience, I think that the older people In harvest jobs can "upgrade a level of his job" to Start working on a administrative type of work, for example, if he work as a fireman, he can leave his job to answer 9-11 calls. That's my opinion about this theme.

# Commentary:





- The response is relevant and adequately completes the task (people with administrative jobs should have a later retirement age, those with more physically demanding jobs should retire earlier).
- Some supporting details are provided.
- Some simple constructions have no grammatical errors.

- Some misuses of vocabulary ("officist," "harvest jobs") occur.
- Some parts of the response are cohesive, but others are difficult for the reader to follow.
- There are frequent sentence boundary errors.
- Most complex sentences contain errors.
- Some repetition is present, which limits the text.

## **CEFR Level: B2**

#### Task 1:

1. Do you like meeting new people? How often do you meet new people?

No, I don't like meeting new people I meet new people once a month, in the street, in a party, etc.

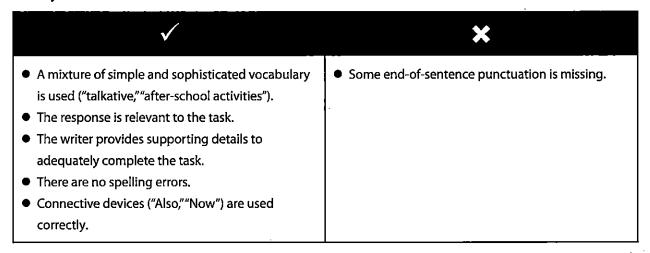
2. Where is a good place to meet new people?

I think a good place to meet new people is a park or some after-school activities

3. Tell us about an interesting person that you met.

I met him in football. He knows a lot about football and it's so funny and interesting talk with him. Also, he has a lot of friends, and that makes me more talkative. Now, I'm not as shy as before I met him

# Commentary:



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#### Task 2:

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I think a required retirement age is a thing subjective. It's depend on the person and the job he/she have

For example, if you are a lawyer, it's more convenient to have old people near because, in general, they know a lot, they are more calm and with all their experience, they can give you more advices than a young lawyer. But some times, old workers are not as interesting as young workers, you can't talk about the same topics

In other jobs, like those that needs more movement, it's not convenient having old people there. For example, in a police station, older workers maybe have less habilities because they have less agility or energy tan youngers.

Taking both reasons, have a required retirement age is not good. The worker is who has to take the decision, not his/her around. Maybe his/her job is so important and retire bring him/her a lot of consequences, like a boring life or in a worse case, a depression, even if he/she has a family

## **Commentary:**



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- Some sophisticated vocabulary ("subjective," "convenient") is used.
- The response is directly relevant to the task and explores both sides of the issue (retirement age in office jobs versus jobs that require physical activity).
- There are some grammar errors ("those that needs more movement"), but these do not interfere with meaning.
- Some end-of-sentence punctuation is missing.
- Some supporting details are provided but are not developed enough.
- There are some errors with sentence boundaries in longer sentences (see paragraph 2).

#### **CEFR Level: C1**

#### Task 1:

#### Do you like meeting new people? How often do you meet new people?

I do enjoy meeting new people, though I don't get to acquaint myself with such people as after as I would've liked. I meet new sets of people every few months whether its at an event or at one of the companies I get to visit.

#### 2. Where is a good place to meet new people?

Social events such as parties or maybe competitions are good places to meet new people, a few examples of competitions would be World Scholars Cup, or maybe Model United Nations since they have an atmosphere that puts you in the mood to talk, and there will be many different people to talk to

#### 3. Tell us about an interesting person that you met.

I once met a person named Matthew, and we got along pretty well He was a very smart kid, and he was full of never ending energy and enthusiasm. He was really interested in Quantum Physics and he could lecture you about for hours. He was also quite athletic, he used to do gymnastics and he was quite a fast runner.

# **Commentary:**

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- Errors are rare, even in complex sentences.
- Sophisticated vocabulary is used ("got along," "never ending," "lecture," "puts you in the mood").
- The connection of ideas is always clear and successful.
- The supporting details provided are welldeveloped.
- The response fully completes the task.

 Some errors with sentence boundaries in long sentences occur, but these do not distract from the message.

# **CEFR Level: C1**

#### Task 2:

Some people believe workers should have to retire, or stop working, at a certain age. Other people believe older people's experience can help a company. Do you think there should be a required retirement age? Explain, giving specific reasons for your choice.

There is a reason as to why retirement is a thing, and I personally think that whether or not or when a person retires is mostly up to them, but there may be exceptions.

As people get older, the state of their health generally gets worse. The elderly, for example, have problems with walking, hearing, seeing, talking and many other actions as well due to the fact that their health is not as great as it used to be. They start losing their cognitive abilities, as well as their physical abilities. This is the general rule, but there are exceptions. There are people who have managed to live over 100 years, yet they can still run and swim and do other mental activities near perfectly, and there are bound to be others like that, thought they may be younger. If such people are forced to retire, then that means lots of potential is being wasted, and it would be beneficial to the company if that person were to stay at his post or possibly be given an easier job, so as to minimize the chances of the employee making a mistake and causing a problem, which is likely to happen if the employee was facing cognitive or physical malfunctions due to their health being affected by age.

So the choice to retire should be up to the employees since they may still be in perfect shape for their current job, or they may still be fit for a simpler job, such as teachin or passing on his/ her knowledge and wisdom via lectures. There shouldn't be a "required retirement age," when somebody retires should be dependent on the person.

# **Commentary:**

Complex sentences and grammatical structures are used throughout the response.
Errors are rare.
Vocabulary is carefully chosen to match context ("cognitive abilities," "physical malfunctions," "passing on his/ her knowledge").
The response fully completes the task—the supporting details are clearly developed.
Some errors with sentence boundaries in longer sentences (see the last sentence of paragraph 2).