

Directed Writing Commentaries

Question One

Script C

Audience and purpose needed to be more carefully considered in this response. Though there is an attempt to establish a consideration potentially relevant to the question – ill health – the opening of the letter makes no reference to the context of the scheme in terms of the ideas from either passage and shows some insensitivity as regards its recipient's likely reaction to the observation that they are ill and in the latter stages of their life.

Careful reading of the question would have established that the relative was already contemplating joining the Homeshare scheme and that the letter was not therefore introducing the idea. There is some awareness of the need to offer a consideration of advantages and disadvantages in the main body of the answer if only in very general terms. There is a limited attempt to select relevant information from each text and some evidence of misunderstanding in its application. Though a little evidence has been presented, ideas are not fully explained or carefully explored. There is very little suggestion of close reading. Comment is limited to simple 'gut feeling' - a general comment at best - rather than evaluation of the ideas and opinions in the two passages.

Planning beforehand using the framework of the question to identify relevant ideas would have helped to target the specific requirements of the task and consider both the sharer and homeowner's perspective as well as the benefits and potential drawbacks for each. The response is not well sequenced, though meaning is clear as far as it goes with occasionally serious errors. The response demonstrates only a little awareness of the need to suit register to the intended audience. Taking account of who was to receive the letter, and considering them throughout, would have helped both to raise both Reading and Writing marks within the bands here.

Band 2 Reading

Band 3 Writing