

Directed Writing Commentaries

Question One

Script B

Though not frequent, occasionally serious errors do jar in this response and there is a reliance from time to time on the sequence and/or wording of the original texts. At the start, there is some evidence of focus on the task in straightforward terms and some sense of an audience. The relative we know though is already considering joining the scheme and has asked for advice (evaluation) rather than information and detail about it. Opportunities are missed here since the purpose is less clearly defined, and the specific audience less carefully considered within the body of the response, than required for the higher bands. Some evidence that ideas have been organised, a sense of basic overall structure and adequate use of own words however, just tip the answer into Band 4 for Writing.

There is an initial reference to Passage 1, and an attempt to set the Homeshare scheme in context, though the answer then moves on to relate the experience of Beth and Barbara as described in passage 2 with little awareness of the need to evaluate and apply ideas and opinions from both texts in order to build an argument for their own relative's situation.

Some comment is offered as regards explicit ideas, though is less well-focused in terms of the task in hand. Potentially useful evidence from the text, though selected deliberately, is often replayed mechanically. The need to weigh up the experiences described and consider more carefully some of the hints in both passages as to the possible pitfalls and bonuses of the scheme is not recognised in this answer. Closer consideration of the specific guidance in the question and bullets would have helped plan a more effective response here.

Band 3 Reading

Band 4 Writing