

CEFR B2 Writing Samples

You've recently celebrated a significant birthday. Write a letter to a friend expressing how you feel about being this age. What's good and bad about it? Write between 150 to 200 words.

Sample answer 1

Dear Judy,

How are you doing? Thanks for the last letter and forgive me this so late response. I've been incredibly busy for last month, as I was preparing and planning my 20th birthday party. It took place in my and parents's house last Saturday and over fifty people came to join the party. Honestly, that was one of the best parties ever, even my friends told that. It's a pity you couldn't be there. Anyway, I find this age really exciting! I'm just finishing the high school, preparing for university, so that's a bit difficult. But I feel more an adult than two or three years ago, which I find good for my self-confidence and satisfaction with myself. I haven't found any disadvantage about this age so far, really! Maybe just one little con – I started working 6 months ago and I'm getting payed quite a lot of money. That makes me a bit rain, because I can afford more things that I could before. Maybe you would visit me next month and we can go shopping or just to a café. I haven't seen you for ages! We can discuss on age's possibilities together. I can't wait for the 20th birthday party of yours, it will be great. I think then you'll find this age as amazing as I do. I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Love,

Orsi

Examiner's comments

The script addresses the subject extensively, even going over the required length. It is written in the right informal style except for one lapse when a formal closing is added to the informal one. There is a good range of grammar used accurately. Vocabulary is in the higher range of the level with very few mistakes, one of those (con) the result of an ambitious effort. The text is coherent with a good range of linking words. Unfortunately, there is no attempt to use paragraphs although the ideas are clearly arranged. Therefore, it loses a point on structures

Sample answer 2

Dear Ahmed

Hi! How are you and how is your family? It seems ages since I saw you. I hop your new job is going well. I'm writing now to tell you about my significant birthday. Actually my birthday was on 1st March, last week. In my family we make a party for everyone who has an event like that. In fact I invited many people such as my friend, my relatives and also our family friends. Moreover, I made a big party with music and dance. I'm really very happy because I'm 20 now so I can rely on my self and also there are many people who respect me now more than before. In addition, any party like this should has good things because you see your friends and your relatives around you and also you reach 20 year old. Therefore, all these things made me happy. However, there was one thing which was bad in my party. This thing was when one of my friend got sick during my party. I'm really disappointed because that happened in my birthday party. Anyhow, I'm very happy because I'm 20 now so I do many things which I couldn't do before. I hope to see you as soon as you can. Give my best regards to your family.

Love

Ali

Examiner's comments

There is very little in the answer that actually relates to the content point set, which is how you feel about your age. Instead it gives an account of irrelevant details of the birthday party (e.g. how someone turned sick). The range of grammar is reasonable with a few errors (should has good things). For vocabulary it is less than ambitious and remains at the lower range of the level. Some sophisticated linking words are overused and out of place. Coherence is disrupted by the random repetition of the ideas (I'm happy because I'm 20 now, the invitation of friends and family).

Sample answer 3

Dear friend Katy,

Are you good? I'm very much. I am qoter centuries last week. I'm not happy for partys, celebration was with family. We have a big family. I have 4 siblings all older as me. My family gave me big surprize they buy a big puzzle from 2000 peace. We strated putting it together but we didn't success. My father says we can do it next week when it is my twin bothers celebration. I wanted to give them puzzle too, but I have to try something diferent do you think. I'm happy cos I drive and do so good thinks I am not small. Next year I go to abroad cos I have money I picked from my wage. I wanna go to NY. It is lots of money but I dreamed it when I was a small girl. I wanna go to Empire States building. I send you my postcard, ok? Buy, Maria

Examiner's comments

Inadequate attempt with little relevant content. There are numerous errors and frequent misspellings of basic words which require considerable effort by the reader, with the overall clarity of the message impaired.