WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

You recently used the services of a professional company. You were pleased with some of their work but not all of it. An English-speaking friend needs a similar service and has asked you for advice about using this company’s services.

Write a letter to Pete. In your letter

- describe the work the company did
- explain why you were pleased with some of the work
- give your friend advice about using the company’s services

Write at least 150 words.

You do NOT need to write any addresses.

Begin your letter:

Dear …
WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Giving presents is more enjoyable than receiving them.
Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your experience.

Write at least 250 words.
WRITING TASK 1
Sample answer Band Score 7

Dear Joe

I am happy to tell you about RMO Company, as I used their services a few months ago. I had inside my flat painted by this company, which included the kitchen, living room and bedroom. The job was completed within 7 days, but I was told this work will take 6 days so it was little longer than I had expected. They did a good job, and the walls now look fresh. Generally, I was satisfied by the company. However, they left paint on the light switches, which was not so good. But it is not a big problem because I painted it myself.

If you use this company, is a good idea to check about how they are doing the light switches, and ask them to make sure to do it properly. Also, tell them to give correct information about how long will the job take. But, my friend, I say use this company. Their price is fair and I am content.

Regards,
Juan

(162 words)

WRITING TASK 2
Sample answer Band Score 7

Giving and receiving presents, to exchange the things with other people, these are extremely important part of human life. I will consider which is more enjoyable, to give or to receive.

Firstly, it’s always pleasure to go shopping to choose gifts for someone, a child or grandmother, or husband or wife. Maybe, because it is a birthday, or maybe just in order to show respect and love. When I look at the face of a child who gets my gift, or my grandmother who gets some flowers, it makes me happy that I see such happiness in the smile on the face. It is also the same feeling when I do something to help other person, even a stranger in the street. It is also true that everybody doesn’t always feel comfortable when they receive a gift. Some people feel that they have got a debt, they need to return this favour.

On the other hand, most of us likes to get a present, especially children. People look forward to times when they are going to receive gifts, such as birthdays. Receive a present make us feel that someone love us or appreciate us. And we like to give a present or do something in return and this makes everybody happy. So, which is better?

I think that it is not easy to say giving presents is more enjoyable than receiving them. In conclusion, both ways bring happiness to people, even if they feel a small debt to another person. People have pleasure in the experience to give and to receive and it is important in all the cultures.

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