



OVERALL BAND SCORE **6** **5+7+6+7**

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WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic.

Individuals can do nothing to change society. New developments can be only brought about by governments and large institutions.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words

**Original answer -**

Opinions differ on whether individuals have the same power to influence societies when compared to governments and large institutions. In my opinion, the influences from the latter are by far more significant than that from the individuals owing to financial consideration and their authorities.

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TR – Task Response nb – GRA and LR errors have not been corrected

Band score 5

You have only partially answered the question

The main body paragraphs were mostly irrelevant. You don't directly address the question of whether individuals can do anything. See mine [below](#)

- **addresses the task only partially;** the format may be inappropriate in places
- expresses a position but the development is not always clear and there may be no conclusions drawn
- presents some main ideas but these are limited and not sufficiently developed; there may be irrelevant detail

Band score 5

You argued that governments, etc, are more influential than individuals, but you never addressed the question of whether individuals can change society. The only time you addressed the question of whether individuals can make changes was at the end of main body paragraph 2 here: [Such dramatic changes and attention can never be leaded by individuals which are more scattered.](#) However, you didn't expand on this.

I would always look for the easiest way of answering a question, and in this case, it's not difficult to think of individuals who have changed things. Think of scientists, entrepreneurs, or even political figures, if they made significant contributions.

ADVICE ON BRAINSTORMING FOR TASK 2

As you're planning and writing your answer, remember to constantly ask yourself if you're answering the question. Check back to the



question a few times as you think of ideas to make sure they're directly relevant.

- Make sure your introduction directly addresses the question.
- Make sure your ideas address all parts of the question. If the question asks for **solutions**, in the plural, **you must suggest at least 2**.
- Make sure your main ideas, as stated in the first sentence of the main body paragraphs, are **directly relevant to the question**.
- Make sure your supporting ideas, which follow the main ideas in the main body paragraphs, **directly support the main idea**.
- Be especially careful if you've answered similar question before, as there will always be important differences.
- Make sure your conclusion **directly answers the question**, that it is consistent with the ideas in the main bodies, and that it does not contradict the introduction.

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Commented [TG2]: You have to write about whether **individuals can do anything or nothing**

Commented [TG3]: These ideas might be relevant if you'd also mentioned individuals changing society



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Commented [TG5]: Not a good example. I'm pretty sure large corporations have nothing to do with this

Commented [TG6]: There's nothing about whether individuals can do anything, until the final sentence

Commented [TG7]: This is the only time you addressed the question, but it's too late

Commented [TG8]: You didn't mention this in your main bodies

Commented [TG9]: You only partially addressed the question

**C&C - Cohesion and Coherence nb GRA and LR errors have not been corrected****Band score 7**

The organisation is clear and logical.

The paragraphs have clear central topics

The cohesion within the paragraphs is good

- logically organises information and ideas; there is clear progression throughout

Band score 7 C&C

- uses a range of cohesive devices appropriately although there may be some under-/over-use

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Commented [TG20]: good, although large corporations have nothing to do with this. They want the opposite of fair trade and 5 day working weeks

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LR- - Lexical resource nb Some GRA errors have not been corrected.

Band score 6

There is lots of some common lexis and some flexibility in your use of vocab.

The number of errors make it a 6, although the use of some high level lexis may get you 7 from some examiners.

- uses an adequate range of vocabulary for the task
- attempts to use less common vocabulary but with some inaccuracy

Band score 6 LR

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**GRA - Grammatical range and accuracy - nb Some LR errors have not been corrected****Band score 7**

Grammar is generally accurate throughout

- produces frequent error-free sentences

Band score 7 GRA

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Model Answer

Key	bold	C&C
	<i>italics</i>	<i>good lexis</i>
	<u>underlined</u>	<u>good grammar</u>
	colours	show relations between ideas

Opinions are divided on whether it is possible for individuals to make changes to society. I believe there are many examples of *individual scientists, inventors* or even *businessmen* who have made *significant contributions* **which** have benefited their societies or mankind in general.

One **field in which** individuals have made **positive changes** is that of science, **examples of which** are *medicine* and *electricity*. **With regard to the former**, a British scientist called Sir Alexander Fleming *accidentally discovered penicillin* when he noticed that *bacteria* could not survive near *certain fungi*. **This discovery**, *the first antibiotic*, has saved millions



*of lives throughout the world. As far as electricity is concerned, perhaps the greatest scientist of all was Nicola Tesla, without whose inventions in this field we might not have the safe *system of distributing electricity by alternating current* that we have today. Among his other inventions were *radio waves* which are used to *broadcast* TV and radio, and of course wi-fi.*

Apart from science, a number of entrepreneurs have also made significant contributions to society, in the field of technology. **Perhaps the most famous of these is** Satoshi Nakamoto, a *mysterious IT engineer who pioneered the world's first cryptocurrency*, namely Bitcoin. Thanks to him, people now have the ability to hold and transfer money *without the permission of bankers*. **More recently**, Chinese innovators like Da Hongfei and Rong Chen have introduced *third generation cryptos* that have better security and almost zero *transaction costs*, thereby preparing the world for what they call *a smart economy*. These are just a few examples of individuals who have made significant contributions to society without the help of *institutions* like governments.

In conclusion, the scientists, inventors, and engineers ***mentioned above*** show clearly that individuals can *contribute greatly* to their societies, so it is not true that individuals cannot change society.

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