



Assessment commentary and marks

Commentary on IELTS Speaking test: Mariana

Video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcalOTRV64g>

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NOTES

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Fluency and coherence: 6

Mariana is able to keep going and produce long turns, but coherence is lost at times as a result of hesitation and self-correction, particularly noticeable in parts 2 and 3 [where we were going to stay, we were going to stay there..| we couldn't buy the....we would not be allowed to buy the visa.| a lot of this ..like...eh..doing manual things....to collect..and..and..| helping other people in the centres of other people]. She uses a range of discourse markers, connectives and cohesive features [Mostly because of | because | so | then | and sometimes| but actually | I think that | like | and at the same time] but overuses [and | so | like] especially in parts 2 and 3. A strong Band 6 because of the long turns and a lot of fluent speech, but she just fails to reach Band 7 because of the losses in coherence. Shows a good degree of control of a range of simple and some complex grammatical forms.

Lexical Resource: 6

This is a very good Band 6. The resource is sufficient to discuss the topics at length. The candidate is very close to being awarded a Band 7 as she does have some ability to use less common items [*pretty warm | panoramic views | quit the gymnastics | pretty nice guy | relate to others | all fight for the same cause*]. However, there isn't the flexibility of use needed to merit Band 7 and vocabulary use is sometimes inappropriate [*make an internship | save some moments | charge them into my computer | in a portrait/frame | homework/housework | setting up the table | doing their beds | have the house tied/tidy | different opportunities/situations | the elders | heelchair/wheelchair | capsules/caps*]. The candidate is generally able to paraphrase successfully [*gave us a lunch to take on the bus | with the homework ... our duties when we are young*].



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Grammatical range & accuracy: 6

Mariana produces a mix of short and complex sentence structures and there are several examples of error-free sentences [*we were planning to do a trip around SE Asia | we were told that we could buy.. | ..would not be allowed | he advised us on some places to stay while we were waiting for the visa | to collect some money to give to the poor | In Portugal if we collect the caps, they can be changed or help to buy a new chair*] but the rating is limited to Band 6 by the number of errors, some of which are basic [*a pretty good weather | four month ago | I think that must came from the parents | and they buy/bought in the other day | he explained us | maybe since 16 – have to have 16 to start*]

Pronunciation: 6

The candidate uses a range of phonological features but control is variable. Rhythm is sometimes affected by a lack of stress timing, especially when she hesitates, and words are occasionally lost [*the oldest...they can???the little ones*] There is some effective use of stress and intonation [*go out with my friends[↑], family[↑]; from the parents[↑], from the schools[↓]*]. Mispronunciation of phonemes causes occasional lack of clarity [*baars/bus*], but she can generally be understood without much effort. A strong Band 6.