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Overall Band:	8.0
Listening:	9.0
Reading:	8.0
Writing:	7.0
Speaking:	7.0

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Explanation of your results

Overall Band (8.0)

The test taker has fully operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies and inappropriate usage. They may misunderstand some things in unfamiliar situations. They handle complex and detailed argumentation well.

Listening (9.0)

Your scores explained:

Test takers at Band 9 can typically follow extended speech involving complex, abstract, and detailed argumentation, as well as predict its further development. They process what they hear automatically and understand main points and details, and speakers' purpose and attitude, and also recognise agreement or disagreement between speakers even when these are implied. They can understand a very wide range of vocabulary, including specialised, technical and academic terminology and idiomatic language.

Reading (8.0)

Your scores explained:

Test takers at Band 8 can typically deal effectively with a variety of factual and opinion-based texts that are often complex and dense with information. They are skilled at using their very wide vocabulary knowledge to create meaning, from sentence level to text level, on a range of general, specialised, and technical topics. They are good at following complex arguments and distinguishing between main ideas and supporting details, and at understanding attitude, opinion and implication. They are good at using appropriate reading strategies, such as skimming and scanning, and at synthesizing information and drawing inferences.

How to improve:

Your reading skills are already quite good. Continue to develop your awareness of how to read different types of texts differently. What features does that particular type of text typically have? How is information structured and arranged in such texts? Use your knowledge of these and approach the reading task in an appropriate way. Limit the amount of time you give yourself to read a text. As an exercise, try to find several texts on the same topic so that you can compare opinions, views, definitions and conceptualisations of ideas. Academics often make fine distinctions, so see if you can determine these. You may even try to see if you can capture those differences by writing a one sentence summary.

Writing (7.0)

Your scores explained:

Test takers at this band can typically produce a clear overview of the graph or a clear viewpoint throughout the response. All parts of the task are covered. Test takers can support their main ideas with details and examples, although these might be too general and lack focus. The writing is well-organised and leads logically to its conclusion. They can use a variety of linking words, with some over- or under-used. In Task 2 every paragraph has one main topic. They can flexibly use a range of vocabulary and some less common words with some style, despite occasionally choosing the wrong word or making mistakes in spelling or in the form of a word. They are able to use a variety of complex sentences, and many of their sentences are correct. However they still make a few mistakes with grammar and punctuation.

How to improve:

Practice producing different types of writing. When writing informational and argumentative pieces, take care to develop your points thoroughly, providing as many relevant supporting ideas and details as necessary. Don't develop your points separately. Instead, ask yourself: how might I develop my idea so that it logically leads me to my next idea? Then, also ask yourself: does my use of paragraphing help to highlight the flow of my ideas? Have I also used other means besides paragraphing to do this? Use a good variety of structures, choosing appropriate ones to help the overall effect of your writing. Also try to use a wide range of vocabulary when you write, always using the best possible word. For words and phrases that are newer to you, look them up online to see how other writers use them and what other words they often appear together with. Finally, check your writing, paying special attention to those words and grammar structures you're not as confident about.

Speaking (7.0)

Your scores explained:

Test takers at this band can typically speak with ease, clearly and at length, although with some repetition, self-correction, or hesitation to search for words or grammar. Speaking is generally well-organised, and ideas are generally clear and well linked. They use a range of vocabulary to discuss a variety of topics, and can use some less common or idiomatic vocabulary, although not always accurately. They can paraphrase well if needed. They can use a range of grammar structures. Sentences are frequently accurate, although there are some errors. Pronunciation is generally natural and clear, but with occasional problems. They are usually easy to understand, and their accent does not have much effect on understanding.

How to improve:

Talk to other people about abstract and difficult current issues. Focus on delivering your ideas well in presentations and discussions, minimising hesitation as much as possible. Ask yourself: Am I arranging and conveying my thoughts in the best possible way? Am I using the best possible words and phrases that I know to express my ideas? How can I vary my delivery so that my ideas are understood better? Then work on those things you're not completely happy with yet. Continue reading and listening to natural English language materials and TV to note precise words and particularly effective ways of saying things. Think about how you might use these yourself.