

Review

(Test 1, Part 2, Question 3)

Script A: Good answer

The series 'Sandy Bay' is about the life of eight friends, four boys and four girls, who are neighbours and spend a lot of time together.

The characters are all very different; for example, Sam is outgoing and full of enthusiasm while Ralph is very shy. Though they are just ordinary people, they often do crazy, unpredictable things that we would not do in real life and this is what makes the series so enjoyable. For example, you can never guess who they will fall in love with!

I love this series because it is full of humour and drama - you get to laugh and also to cry. I enjoy following the changes in the characters' relationships and I can almost believe they are my own friends.

I'd recommend it to people up to the age of 40 because they'll definitely share the experiences of the main characters. Once they have watched it a few times, I am sure they'll find it very hard to miss an episode! However, as the humour is targeted at the younger generation, older people might not find it so appealing.

Examiner comments

This is a very good answer which deals with all the **content** required. It **communicates** all the information effectively, giving clear information about the series without going into too much detail. It deals with all the requirements of the task, giving reasons why the plot and characters are interesting and also stating very clearly which age groups it is recommended for and why. There is a good range of **language**, both structures and vocabulary, and it is **well-organised** into paragraphs.

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Script B: Satisfactory answer

If you are fed up with typical stories in pervious soap operas, you should definitely watch '24', which is one of the popular drama series in the USA. It is set in California in America. However, you might enjoy seeing places from New York to many foreign countries.

The main story about it is a president election. The leading actor, Jack is very sensible and agile when he carry out his missions. It will be the most enjoyable feature in this series. Also, it has violent scenes which means that young teenagers and children should be prevented them from watching. The ages between twenty and forty might best fit this drama, regardless of gender. One of the good features of '24' is it allows people, especially in non-English speaking countries, to improve their listening ability absorbing an exciting drama. If you are bored of daily life, I highly recommend it. You probably could not stop watching it before the end.

Examiner comments

There is a good range of **language**, both grammar and vocabulary, but also a few errors in tenses and word order, which mostly do not obscure the message. All the **content** points are included, but the second paragraph lacks coherence because it includes both details about the plot and characters and also comments about the age groups it can be recommended for. This means it does not **communicate** all the information effectively. This review would have got a higher mark if the writer had paid more attention to **organisation**, using separate paragraphs for different points.

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Script C: Unsatisfactory answer

I really enjoy when I see the Italian TV series about the Italian football and the transfers of a lot of players. I love football since I was five. In fact when I was five my father brought me to the stadium to see my first match of football, which was Milan versus Arsenal. At that moment I began to love the teams and football in general.

I never miss any part of the series. For me it is more important than watching any other programmes because it is fun and exciting.

For these reasons I like this TV series very much and I want to recommend it because you can get a lot of information about the transfers and also discover young players who come to Italy.

Examiner comments

This is a few words under the minimum required length and the **content** is incomplete. The review does not include information about whether it could be recommended for viewers of all ages. There is too much irrelevant information about the writer and not enough about the series that is being reviewed. It therefore fails to achieve the desired **communicative** effect. This is an example of somebody who probably did not read the question carefully, so there is a general lack of **organisation**. There are a number of **language** inaccuracies, but the meaning is generally clear.