MET Writing Samples with Commentary

CEFR Level: A2

Task 1:

1. Where do you live? How long have you lived there?

I live in Shkoder

I live since when I have born

2. What do you like about that place and why?

I like much things in this place, like castle of Shkoder, people in this place, because make me happy and comfortable

3. Tell us about what you do there.

I am student in university, in third class

Commentary	
✓	×
 Some supporting detail is provided. The connection of ideas is partially successful. 	 Most sentences contain grammatical errors ("I like much things in this place," "because make me happy and comfortable."). Only simple vocabulary is used. Little to no correct punctuation is used. The response is very short and simple.

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Task 2:

Would you prefer an interesting job with low pay or a boring job with a high salary? Explain.

I think I would prefer a boring job with a high salery, because you will have more money to spend on your family or, on you. And you also have more money to the thinks that you always want like going on holiday and for your sons for them to have a better education and to enjoy life I a different way the experiences of life can be enjoyed only once. However, it would be more difficult for studing it at the university, if I have the chan

Commentary	
✓	×
 The writer is able to convey some basic ideas (e.g., earning more money will provide a better education and life for your family). Some simple grammar constructions are error free. 	 There is little control over end of sentence punctuation, which makes it difficult for the reader to follow the ideas presented (see sentence 2). The ideas presented are not always connected ("the experiences of life can be enjoyed only once. However, it would be more difficult for studing it at the university"). There are frequent spelling errors ("salery," "thinks," "studing"). The response is very short and simple.

Writing Samples with Commentary

CEFR Level: B1

Task 1:

1. What do you like to do in your free time? How often do you do it?

In my free times I play football, I like playing football with friends and family Three times a week I play it

2. What do you like about that activity and why?

I love doing sports, and my favourite is football. About the activity I like it because of playing with a team and not alone like in tennis

3. Tell about the last time you did this.

The last time I went to play football, I was with some friends and we found an other group of friends so we organize a match.

Commentary	
✓	×
 Some simple grammatical constructions are error free ("I like playing football with friends and family"). The response is mainly relevant to the task. Some supporting detail is provided. There are few spelling errors and none that cause confusion. 	 Many sentences contain grammatical errors ("Three times a week I play it," "About the activity I like it"). Most of the vocabulary used is simple. There are some sentence boundary errors (see sentence 1).



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Task 2:

Would you prefer an interesting job with low pay or a boring job with a high salary? Explain.

If you do a boring job, your life will be boring, so I will choose a job that interest me, I don't care the salary, but the salary might be enough to live.

If the salary is too low I will prefer the boring job, but if the salary is accessible in the interesting job, I will choose it.

My perfect job will be about playing in a football team. Because football is the most activity I like to do in life and you will earn a big money.

In conclusion, if they pay low or a high money, I will away chose the interesting job.

Commentary	
✓	×
The response is mainly relevant to the task.	There are frequent sentence boundary errors.
 Some simple grammatical constructions are error free ("I don't care about the salary," "If the salary is too low I will prefer the boring job"). 	 Some vocabulary words are misused ("the salary might be enough to live," "football is the most activity"). The response is short and simple.
 The writer uses some connective devices ("but," "because," "In conclusion"). 	· '



CEFR Level: B2

Task 1:

1. What do you like to do in your free time? How often do you do it?

In my free time I like to talk to my friends and I do it everyday. I also like to watch movie, but only during the weekends, because I don't have much time during the week.

2. What do you like about that activity and why?

I like talking to my friends because they always make me laugh. And watching movies is a good thing because you can travel to many other places just by sitting on the sofa.

3. Tell about the last time you did this.

I did both things two days ago. My friends and I went to the cinema and, after that, we stayed at the mall just talking and laughing.

Commentary	
✓	X
 The response is directly relevant to the task. The writer provides supporting detail that clearly relates to the task ("I like talking to my friends because they always make me laugh"). The grammatical errors that are present do not interfere with meaning. Word choice is generally appropriate. There are no spelling or sentence boundary errors. 	The writer does not attempt to use any sophisticated vocabulary.



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Task 2:

Would you prefer an interesting job with low pay or a boring job with a high salary? Explain.

Honestly, I would prefer an interesting job rather than a boring job even though this job could only give me a low salary. In my opinion, one person's job is really important, it is essential for your happiness since it's something you do almost every single day of your life, if you don't like it because it's boring, you are bound to spend lots of hours being miserable even more hours that the ones you would spend happy at the shopping making use of your high salary.

Perhaps if your job doesn't pay you much you don't get to go shopping every single day but I'm positive you will be happier this way as long as your job is doing something that you like. There's a saying that says "if you work doing something that you like, you don't have to work at all" and I think that couldn't be more true.

In conclusion, even though I'm the kind of person that loves spending money (we all do), I love even more spending my time doing what I like.

Commentary	
✓	X
 The response is generally very cohesive. The writer gives some supporting details that are clearly relevant to the task ("if you don't like it because it's boring, you are bound to spend hours being miserable"). A combination of simple and more sophisticated vocabulary is used ("essential," "bound to," "miserable"). 	 There are some sentence boundary errors (see paragraph 1). Some grammatical errors are present ("even more hours that the ones you would spend happy at the shopping") but none that interfere with meaning.

CEFR Level: C1

Task 1:

1. Where do you live? How long have you lived there?

I live in Cali, in a neighborhood called Villa del Sol, it's located in the north of the city. I've lived there every single year of my life and living there allows me to have such a relaxed lifestyle.

2. What do you like about that place and why?

Well, as I said above I've always lived there so I know a lot of people. And I think you need to know your neighbors well in order to have a good environment.

3. Tell us about what you do there.

I like to hang out with my childhood friends, play music and have some fun. My friends and I enjoy all of the places that our neighborhood has to offer and we go dancing all the time.

Commentary	
✓	×
 There are no grammatical errors. The response is directly relevant to the task. The vocabulary words are carefully chosen to match the context. There are no spelling or sentence boundary errors. There is a clear connection of ideas. 	The vocabulary used is not exceedingly sophisticated.



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Task 2:

Would you prefer an interesting job with low pay or a boring job with a high salary.

People do jobs for different reasons. Some work as breadwinners to be able to put food on the table each evening. Others have the additional focus of developing a healthy career path and seek jobs to suit their particular goals while on the career path. And then there are the more fortunate ones who do not have the worry about earning to run their life and so seek a job or career to make productive use of their time. I consider myself fortunate to fall in this category and so for me my job has to be very much to my interests.

What I seek is not a high or a low salary, but a stimulating work environment that offer new challenges and learning opportunities to keep me involved and motivated. A high salaried job but one that is monotonous or poses little intellectual involvement is certainly not my game.

I can equally well appreciate the point of view of those who may need to work to be able to discharge the responsibilities of self and family.

While on this, it is also relevant to understand that as a young person at the start of one's career, one may be required to work through boring jobs, irrespective of the salary offered. This may be part of an overall plan of gaining experience to meet one's life goals.

Commentary	
✓	×
 Errors are rare, even in complex sentences. Sophisticated vocabulary is properly used ("breadwinner," "fortunate," stimulating," "irrespectively"). The writer provides appropriate context (see paragraph 1) and the supporting details given are clearly developed. The response is very cohesive with ideas clearly connected. 	 Some vocabulary is misused based on the context ("a healthy career path"). While errors are rare, some wording at times is a bit awkward ("earning to run their life," "I can equally well appreciate").