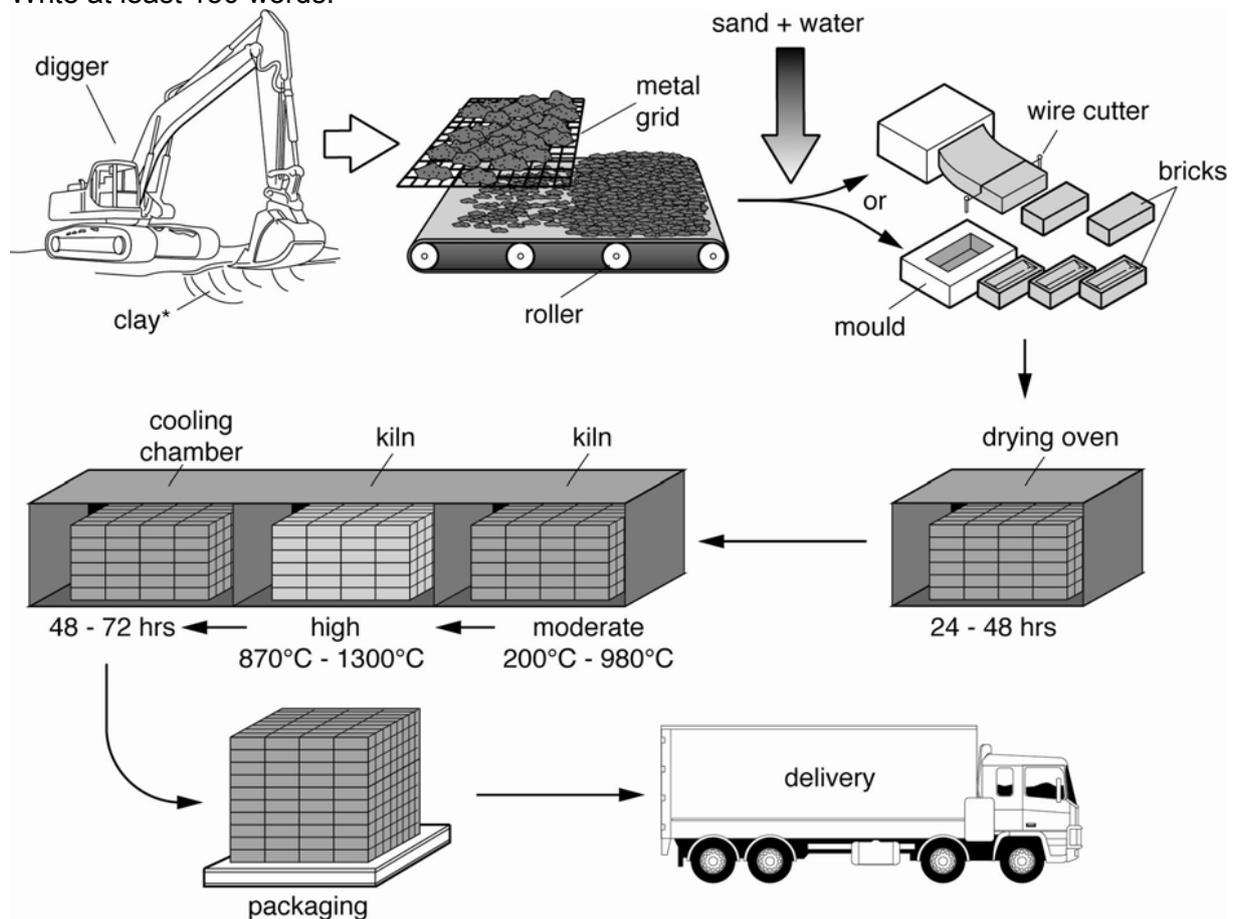


Academic Writing Task 1 Brick Manufacturing

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the process by which bricks are manufactured for the building industry. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



*Clay: type of sticky earth that is used for making bricks, pots, etc.

Task 1 Brick Manufacturing Script D (see below) Band 7

This candidate uses an inappropriate format at times (e.g. the letter-style opening and personal comments) and this limits the band for Task Achievement. The process itself is adequately described, although some irrelevant information is included and there is no clear overview. Information is logically organised and there is a clear progression throughout the response. A range of cohesive devices is used appropriately, although there are occasional errors in referencing and linking, and paragraphing would have helped convey a clearer description of the stages. A wide range of sophisticated lexis is used to convey meaning with precision, but there are also occasional flaws in word choice that lead to some slightly awkward expressions. A wide range of structures is also used fluently with only occasional slight error and the majority of sentences are error-free.

In spite of the high level of language proficiency, the flaws in format and organisation limit the rating for this script to Band 7.

Task 1 Brick Manufacturing Script D

Dear Sir, I am writing a report about brick manufacturing. The following are as follows. Brick manufacturing starts with choosing good quality clay. A large digger similar to a crane digs the clay. The process takes about half a day, after which it is put on a metal grid to separate unwanted stuff and impurities. The strained clay is then put in a large machine roller where it is mixed with sand and water to be moulded later to form the base of the brick. While it is still soft, wire cutters are used to perfectly cut the bricks, removing the rough edges. The soft bricks are then put in a drying area where it stays from 24-48 hours. After the pre-set drying time, the bricks are then put in large kiln where it is baked at moderate heat of about 200-400°C. The bricks are first put in moderate heat to avoid cracking. After about few minutes, the bricks are then fired to a high 870-1,300°C heat. This is the final heating or 'cooking' stage so to speak for the bricks. Just beside the kiln is the cooling chamber which is made up of large steel where the bricks will stay for about 48-72 hours. The bricks are then ready for packaging where the brick workers carefully pack the bricks in large container vans for delivery. The whole process is fairly an easy one because there are no sophisticated machines used. The only thing that bothered me was during the heating process because, as the manager told me, I have to stay and observe while the clay is being 'cooked' because some of the clays do tend to crack early because of the wrong sand and water mixture from the start. If this happens, the process has to be repeated again which can be quite lengthy.

Academic Writing Task 2

International Tourism

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

International tourism has brought enormous benefit to many places.

At the same time, there is concern about its impact on local inhabitants and the environment.

Do the disadvantages of international tourism outweigh the advantages?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Task 2 International Tourism Script J (see below)

Band 7

The candidate addresses both aspects of the task and presents a clear position throughout the response. Main ideas are generally clear and relevant, although some supporting ideas lack focus (as in the opening of paragraph 2). Ideas are generally well-organised and there is a clear overall progression but there are lapses where points are not well-integrated into the argument. A range of cohesive devices is used effectively, but some under-use of connectives and substitution, and some lapses in the use of referencing are noticeable. A good range of vocabulary is used with flexibility and precision. The candidate has a good awareness of style and collocation, and although awkward expressions or inappropriacies in word choice occur, these are only occasional and do not limit the rating for this criterion. Likewise a good range of sentence structures is used with a high level of accuracy resulting in frequent error-free sentences. Minor systematic errors persist, however, and punctuation is unhelpful at times.

The strong lexical resource compensates for flaws in the organisational features, so overall this script is a good example of Band 7.

Task 2 International Tourism Script J

'Tourism' - friend or foe?

Tourism is a very big industry in the modern time and is growing quite rapidly. Thousands of people travel everywhere to various destinations every year. Arguments have come up regarding the benefits and negative impacts of tourism on places and on the local inhabitants and environment, however, I believe there are more advantages than disadvantages of international tourism.

People travel for various reasons; they are bored for leisure purposes, holidays, visit friends and relatives etc. Travelling is mostly seen as recreational activity. Tourism has many advantages. Tourism can play a tremendous part in a country's economy, the more tourists visit a country and spend money there the better it is for the country; as that way more money is circulated within the country and even the stability of their country's rate of exchange profits if not tourists. Tourists and shops get to sell more goods and ~~services~~ make an income. Tourism also has its non-monetary advantages; it brings cultures and people closer. People from all around the world get to share their culture with each other and even learn more. This is a good opportunity in education.

Tourism seems to have some disadvantages too; however, I believe the problems caused by tourism ~~are~~ are not something that cannot be solved or prevented. A lot of people believe that tourism can destroy or dilute culture and cause