WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Modern technology now allows rapid and uncontrolled access to and exchange of information. Far from being beneficial, this is a danger to our societies.

What are your views?

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

Write at least 250 words.
Sample Answer

This answer would probably receive a Band 6.

In last few years, the modern technology has been developed very fast. People getting used to use the rapid and uncontrolled technology instead of (some people believe that) manpower. On the other hand, it brings problems to our societies. I will consider these different points of views in favour to support the modern technology.

It has been argued that too much modern technology cause people losing their job. Nowadays, many factories are using automatic technology instead of manpower, in order to increase their business. However, it brings a huge problem of unemployment, furthermore, it would increasing on the crimes rate. Similarly, modern technology speeds up our life. People feel stressful about their jobs, families, and societies.

It is no doubt that modern technology developed our life more convenient than before. For example, we could keeping in touch with our friends which live far away from us pass through the internet. Moreover, companies could contact with their customer by the internet. It’s much cheaper than calling the long-distance phone. Besides, the technology development could help medicine inventing.
Commentary

**Task Achievement**
The writer does not address the proposition contained in the task rubric. Instead of discussing issues to do with the accessibility of electronic information, he/she deals with the general pros and cons of technology. At 175 words, the response is considerably under length.

**Coherence and Cohesion**
The response is clearly structured: it contains three paragraphs, each of which has a distinct function. To that extent, the response is coherent.

However, in certain ways the presentation of the argument is counter to expectations, and so causes a degree of miscommunication. The first paragraph is an introduction, which outlines opposing views about technology, and states the writer’s opinion. The second and third paragraphs then illustrate the two views in more detail. The absence of any concluding paragraph, where writers summarise arguments and explain opinions, means it is unclear why one particular view is supported in preference to the other. Though if the link between the second and third paragraphs had been made more overt, perhaps by introducing the third with *On the other hand*, any doubts might have been reduced. Elsewhere organising expressions are used to very good effect.

**Lexical Resource**
The writer demonstrates a reasonably wide range of vocabulary, including less frequent items such as *crime(s) rate, manpower* and *speeds up*. These are usually used correctly, although uncontrolled is used inappropriately, and has possibly been misunderstood.
Apart from the use of *morden, repeated several times, and Similiy*, spelling is accurate.

**Grammatical Range and Accuracy**
The writer uses a wide range of structures, including complex ones. Although errors occur throughout, comprehension is rarely if ever impeded, and the reader has the overall impression of fluency.
Punctuation is largely accurate, and sentence divisions are appropriate.

**Marks**
This answer would probably receive a **Band 6**.