

Level 5 Final Exam. Graded writing section response.

QUESTION: *Some countries have recently chosen to tax high sugar foods. What are the advantages and disadvantages associated with introducing an extra tax on food containing a lot of sugar?*

Include your opinion in the conclusion.

Some people agree with the politic of put tax on high sugar foods but other important percent of people think that is extremely authority. In this text we are going to explore some advantages and disadvantages.

There is a public problem that people don't do exercise and the obesity affect childrens and others. In some countries like united States the situation is very worried. The people eat a lot of sugar and the government need to improve the lifestyles of the citizens increasing the tax in this foods. There are more and more people that is getting fat, in some cases they cannot walk for the weight of their bodies.

In the other hand, the people should choose their own lifestyles. No one should decide about the kind of food that people eat. The freedom of choice is a democratic act and is unchangeable. But in this case, the people have to spend more money for sugar foods.

Some high sugar foods are necessary for motivate people and for increase the level of happiness of the people. Sugar is necessary to make deserts, Coca Cola, ice creams and different foods.

To sum up, a high sugar tax is not accepted for everybody. The consequences would be better or worst depend on the person. I think that high sugar level is bad because the people could have better habits and the government should considered campaigns to reduce the public health problem. The tax to sugar foods is not the solution for improve people's health.

253 Words

Total grade: 12 out of 20 or 14.4 out of 24. **Pass.**

Task Response: 3 out of 5

This essay provides some relevant reasoning for both sides of the debate. However, the arguments against taxation are not very well supported. The conclusion contains an opinion, but also some distracting generalisations. To get a 4 for task response the student would have to make his or her points clearer and expand paragraphs 3 and 4.

Coherence and cohesion: 3 out of 5

The response is coherent and sensibly divided into paragraphs which aid the reader. On the negative side, it would definitely benefit from more linking phrases at the start of paragraphs and between sentences.

Vocabulary and Spelling: 3 out of 5

In places, the candidate has used appropriate lexis to make clear arguments. For example, the phrases “lifestyles”, “increasing the tax”, “freedom of choice” and “spend more money” provide helpful explanation. On the other hand, vocabulary, word forms and plural nouns are occasionally confusing.

The candidate could also have made more effort to paraphrase words taken from the question.

Grammar: 3 out of 5

There are some good examples of modal verbs and verb patterns which are well used. However, poor use of verb tenses, infinitives and comparatives causes confusion for the reader in some parts of the essay.