

Ylioppilastutkintolautakunta on saanut suoritusten kirjoittajilta ja arvioinnin suorittaneilta asiantuntijoilta luvan julkaista tässä tiedostossa olevat suoritukset ja niiden arvioinnit. Muuta julkaisemista varten on lupa pyydettyä kirjoittajilta ja arvioinnin suorittaneilta asiantuntijoilta erikseen. Tätä aineistoa saa käyttää opetuksessa ja arvioinnin tukena. Tämän aineiston kopioiminen ylioppilastutkinnon kokeen vastaukseksi katsotaan plagioinniksi ja siitä seuraa pisteiden menetys.

Examples from EA written performances

1.

Ghost story

You might have heard ghost stories which have been made by imagination. I have never found ghost stories scary because I have known that they aren't true, until...

It started like any other Saturday afternoon. I was angry because I was forced to babysit my little brother. Luckily he fell asleep early and I invited few friends to come over. We watched a horror movie which was based on true events. The movie was about a haunted house. After watching the movie we came up with a brilliant idea. When I think about it afterwards, it was a very bad idea.

There is an abandoned house nearby my home. We decided to go there. We all had heard rumors about a ghost which protected the house. If you went inside the house, you would be forced to stay there forever.

I felt goosebumps when we arrived to the house. I don't know why, but I was reluctant to go inside the house. I had a bad feeling and I asked if we could leave. Everyone agreed with me except Luke. He wanted to show us that the myth wasn't true. Whatever, I thought and left the house.

Next morning I woke up when Luke's mom called me. She was worried about Luke who didn't show up home last night. I couldn't speak because I had a lump in my throat. I realized that we had made a serious mistake when we had left Luke alone. I swallowed and decided to visit the house.

When I arrived I saw Luke staring me through a window. I heard something whispering me: "You shouldn't left me."

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- the message is clearly and fluently conveyed. This actually is a story, i.e. follows the task instruction
- the text is easy to read
- the text is quite coherent and logically written but mostly consists of main clauses
- vocabulary is good and suits the purpose. However, it is rather simple, and has some traces of Finnish (e.g. 'made by imagination')
- good structures, and they are mostly accurately used

Task instruction:

Climate change – reality or myth?

Many scientists say there is plenty of evidence that climate change is really taking place, and that it is mainly caused by human action. However, some say global warming is just part of natural alteration. Climate Science Central is an organisation that focuses on both studying climate change and reporting the latest research. Now they want to know what people really think about climate change. Write to the website of Climate Science Central to tell them what your stand on this issue is, and why. Remember to give reasons for your opinions.

2.

Climate change - reality or myth

I have faced a great variety of different opinions on this topic. What I have noticed is that older people easily think that climate change is just natural alteration and therefore do not care about it. At the same time young people have taken their place to improve the situation by voicing their concerns and voting for the most suitable people to represent them.

I think that climate change is a great worldwide issue that we need to take seriously. I trust on scientists who study climate change and inspect its consequences. There is a plenty of evidence that glaciers are melting more rapidly than ever before. Also, rising sea levels and terrible natural phenomena prove that something is happening to our planet.

Climate change is mainly caused by human action. We are intelligent and good at many fields but still we are blindfolded to how we affect the natural environment in a larger scale. Our fossil fuel use increases the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, which provokes global warming. In past, our actions have possibly been unintended but now we need to wake up to the reality.

It is extremely important that we and new generations could live here happily in the future. That's why everyone should do their part to slower global warming. Reducing carbon emissions by recycling and for instance carpooling is easy to do and it really helps. We do not have much time left but I still count on people. We can make a change but first we have to realize that climate change is real.

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- communicates clearly, fluently and idiomatically
- the text introduces various angles to the topic
- there is a clear structure
- vocabulary is accurate and varied as well as idiomatic
- the text is coherent

3.

Climate change — reality or myth?

If I would have to give some words to describe our world today, I most certainly would have to mention the climate change. Even though some people won't share the same opinions and ideas about the phenomena, it has started a serious conversation.

Climate change is a very argued topic. One might say this while the other says that. There is a lot of information going around about the climate change and therefore it is hard for ordinary people such as I to tell, which information we should rely on. We are living the times of false news so we have to be able to tell the difference between information and disinformation.

As I am not a professional scientist, I don't have all the details to back me up while trying to argue with someone about the topic. Professionals can appeal to studies they have made but it doesn't mean much to a person who hasn't had the chance to read it through. That's why I want to point out the importance of our education. Students must be made aware of environmental issues and sustainable lifestyle so that they can make smart choices as adults.

In the light of the newest evidence, I would take the topic of sustainable development very seriously. If we can't be certain about the facts, we have to play safe and make sure that we won't make the global warming go any worse. After all, it is our home planet we are trying to save here. We don't want to ruin it. I believe that working together people can make a difference. It is simply a question of will.

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- conveys the message clearly and is easy to read
- vocabulary is good but rather simple and frequent: 'a lot, doesn't mean much'
- you can also notice direct translation from Finnish (e.g. Climate change is a very argued topic. One might say this while the other says that)
- as a whole, the text has a clear structure and each paragraph introduces a new angle

4.

My first driving lesson

My first driving lesson was in winter. In the morning when was the first lesson I thouth, that it is most terribly day of my life. But I didn't scare anything.

The lesson started and teacher seemed me pedals, breaks and some of bottoms. He told me what could happened if I was not extremely carefull all a time when we are driving. I put seatbellt on and started motor and drived to street. It was hard. There was so much all kind of things to notice. I feel like every walker will jump in front of the car. But after some time I started to drive well and I was happy and not more scare.

When we went back to driving school streetlights changed in red. I push breakpedal but the car not stopped, because streets was coverred with ice. Teacher said that: You should not drive too fast. He came to my place and drived the car back to driving school but I was happy because no one didn't die.

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- difficult to read at places, and message is barely conveyed. The influence of Finnish is easily detected (e.g. 'seemed, walker, came to my place')
- rather one-sided but there is a story that proceeds
- vocabulary is very simple as are the structures. There are several mistakes: however, the mistakes do not stop the reader from understanding, only make the reading difficult

5.

My first driving lesson

I remember very well, that I was first driving lesson. It is for two years ago. In morning I was as a very nervous but I decided go to driving school.

I meeting my driving teacher out of the school and he drive to big park place. He shows to me how I must drive and what is in car. It is difficult drive car because car stop every time I try to drive car. I changing gear and then we go street and it is many other cars there, that it is difficult drive. There is so much humans on street that I must drive carefully and not kill them. Then was more easy drive and I was very positive.

I driving back to school when I almost hit other car front of because it stop in red light and we must stop too. Teacher stop the car because it is short time. Teacher angry to me and shout to me very loud. "Not drive too fast!" This end my first driving lesson.

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- very simple, telegraphic-style language. Lacking sentence structures make reading difficult and the text unclear. The reader needs to fill in the gaps in sentence structures to make this understandable
- the contents are simple and list-like
- there are several mistakes: not even one sentence in standard English.
- yet, the gist of the text gets understood

Task instruction:

Beat plastic pollution

World Environment Day is celebrated each year on June 5th. This year, the theme is Beat Plastic Pollution. Therefore, UN Environment is asking people all over the world to write a letter to the editor to some newspaper in order to raise awareness on plastic and its effects on the environment as well as to give concrete ideas for reducing plastic pollution. You decide to write such letter to the editor.

6.

Beat plastic pollution

Plastic, the cornerstone of all our daily essentials. It's unarguably the most efficient substance for industries to use: it's simple, flexible and ridiculously cheap. Unfortunately it also happens to be one of the most destructive, toxic and harmful materials found on our planet – and it's almost impossible to get rid of. Thrown-away plastic bags are spreading in our oceans like an infection, killing innocent organisms and polluting the aquatic systems. Wastelands are filling with meaningless garbage and there are islands dedicated for plastic waste. Knowing all this, why is there no action?

It's not that simple. Plastic items are a lot cheaper and easier to make than their alternatives, and big corporations aren't willing to invest all their savings in eco-friendly materials. To defeat problems concerning such a large spectrum of society, we have to start small. By favoring items made from organic, non-toxic materials, consumers are silently rioting against the bigger, plastic-oriented companies. This doesn't mean that one has to take a giant step out of their comfort zone: small actions matter, such as buying a wooden toothbrush or having a grocery bag made from cotton.

Having to battle against such a huge enemy, it's natural to feel powerless and small at times. That still doesn't allow anyone to act in a selfish manner. To stop plastic from taking over our planet, we need to unite and act together. Quit thinking that your actions don't matter and start looking at your needs from a more critical point of view. Next time you go grocery shopping, bring your own bag and think twice before buying anything new.

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- communicates very clearly, fluently and idiomatically
- many-sided, well argued
- there is a very clear structure and the text is coherent and cohesive
- vocabulary is accurate and varied as well as idiomatic

7.

Task instruction:

Reinvention

Writer's Digest magazine has its annual writing contest for young adults. The theme this year is reinvention, and the task is to write about an incident in your past that you would like to have a chance to relive and do differently. Write your entry in the contest.

Reinvention

We all have our own memories that have affected our future and present. Of course not the incidents we have encountered are the ones we are proud of or happy about. I am going to tell about an incident of mine which I would do differently if I had a chance.

As said I have my own incident that I would totally do differently now. It is about a relationship where the other person did not treat me well and what is more made me look like a fool in front of a big crowd of people. It really broke my heart because all I wanted to

do was just to be myself and get to know him better. It took a very long time to me to get over the pressure and the sorrow of the bad relationship.

That bad relationship made me extremely cautious as a person because of the pressure of failure. It is still hard to me to be open-hearted to a stranger while my subconscious is screaming: "You are going to fail this time too!"

After all the bad relationship experience has thought me an important lesson. First of all, I have to cut out toxic people who do not do more than destroy my mind peace by peace. Secondly, being naive and believing everything is extremely risky. It is almost crucial to think critically. I think teaching critical thinking is written in the curriculum of Finnish high school system too or at least we have been taught it at school dozens of times.

I can happily say that in the world of 7 billion people there are a lot of great individuals to meet and get along with. Therefore there is no need to fall into despair.

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- conveys the message clearly and is easy to read
- vocabulary is good but not particularly demanding
- the text proceeds nicely but not very many cohesive links or other attempts to create cohesion

8.

Task instruction:

Does the end justify the means?

Extreme actions of environmental groups have become more and more common. Is direct resistance to environmental destruction acceptable? Write a posting to a blog The Green Agenda. Give your opinion and support it with facts.

Does the end justify the means?

Climate change is the biggest problem of our generation. People are worried about destruction of our environment and I understand why. These are huge problems that we must tackle in. Still, there are people that does not believe in climate change or just keep destroying our planet with their actions.

There are many environmental groups that are driving The Green Agenda. They have done some extreme actions to make the difference. I wonder if direct resistance is acceptable. I understand why these groups have done extreme actions but I do not believe that the end justifies the means. In this situation, the impact would be more efficient if the actions would be legal. I understand it is frustrating that the legal actions does not necessary make the

difference. Still, I do hope that these environmental groups would have more patient and would do some changes within the limits of the laws.

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-the message is quite clearly conveyed albeit scarcely argued for and there isn't much content

-fairly easy to read

-every-day vocabulary but adequate

-quite simple structures with few mistakes which do not hinder understanding