

Review

How to Tackle the Task

Step

1

Analyse the Question

Read and understand what is required by the task.

Underline the keywords in the situation given.

Note that you need to write a review.

Highlight the three points required in the prompts.

Pay attention to the word limit.

Step

2

Plan Your Response

Know what type of review you need to write (movie/book/song/cafe, etc.).

Decide on a suitable title.

Decide what to write for the introduction.

Brainstorm for ideas for all the three prompts.

Elaborate with supporting details.

Organise your points into paragraphs.

Step

3

Write Your Answer

Write in the format of a review.

Write a title by stating what review it is and the name of the subject being reviewed (A Movie Review: The Beast Father).

Write a brief introduction to the subject you are reviewing (i.e. some background information).

Describe briefly the subject you are reviewing (i.e., what it is or what it is about).

State your opinion and evaluation (which part you like or dislike, what is good or not good, etc.). Give reasons.

Respond to all the prompts given in paragraphs.

Use cohesive devices and correct and consistent tense.

End with a short conclusion stating your overall evaluation (e.g. rating, recommendation to friends, etc.).

PART 3

Model Question 1

Write your answer in **200 – 250 words** in an appropriate style on this question paper.

You recently saw this notice in a magazine.

Reviews needed!

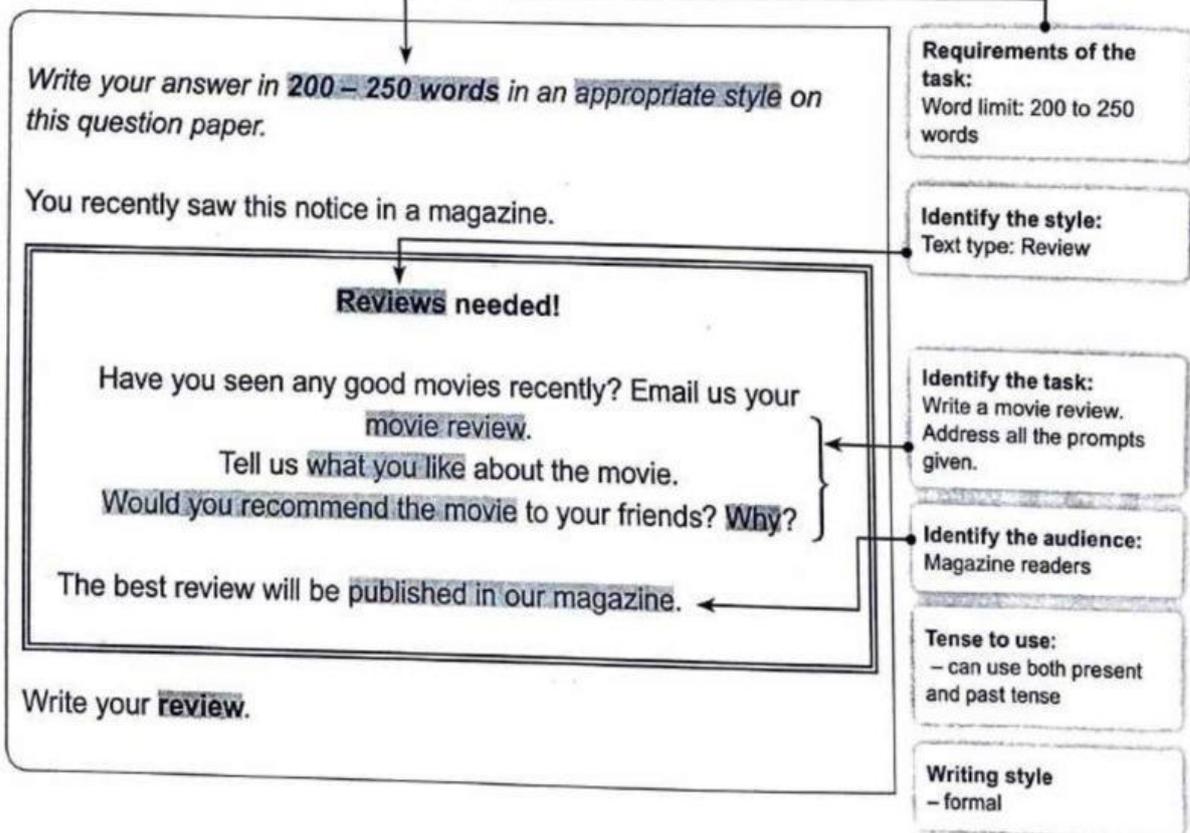
Have you seen any good movies recently? Email us your movie review.
Tell us what you like about the movie.
Would you recommend the movie to your friends? Why?

The best review will be published in our magazine.

Write your **review**.

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The task requires you to write a movie review for a magazine, so remember to write in formal style using movie review format.

Respond to all the prompts:

1. Describe the movie you have seen.
2. Elaborate on the parts you like.
3. State if you would recommend it with reason(s).

Organise your points into paragraphs.

TAKE NOTE!

Use the present tense for your opinion and evaluation of the movie.

Step 3: Write Your Answer

Model Answer 1

A Movie Review: The Beast Father ①

Released globally on **20 June 2021**, **'The Beast Father'** is an **action** movie guaranteed to capture the attention of most Asian movie lovers. It is the second movie directed by **James Lee Kuan Fee**.

Set in a **modern metropolitan of the 21st century**, the movie is **about a father's love and sacrifice for his daughter**. The **main character, Rick** who was a notorious gangster, is now trying to live a normal life by becoming a truck driver. One night, **his daughter is kidnapped** when she is out partying with her friends. Rick unites with **his best friend** and criminal investigator, and together they look for clues to discover her whereabouts.

I like this movie because it is **entertaining** and has a **great balance of action, comedy and suspense**. The story progresses at just the **right pace**, neither boring the audience nor moving too fast where it loses the viewers along the way. Besides that, I love the **chemistry** between the two best friends, who both **acted very well**. The **action sequences** are top-notch, particularly those performed by Rick, played by Chan Yew, who has a kickboxing background.

In conclusion, this is one movie you should definitely watch because I can say with confidence that the 112 minutes spent on this film will fly by in the blink of an eye. It is the perfect popcorn movie to help you take a break and de-stress. I would definitely recommend this to all action movie lovers as well as fans of Asian movies.

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- 1 Write a brief title by stating the type of review, (*movie review*) and the subject being reviewed, (*the name of the movie*).
 - 2 Write a brief introduction that includes details of the movie such as the title, genre/type, release date, length, director, actors, etc. This answers the first prompt.
 - Title: *The Beast Father*
 - Genre : *Action*
 - Release date: *20 June 2021*
 - Director: *James Lee Kuan Fee*
 - 3 Give a brief synopsis of the movie.
 - Setting
 - Plot
 - Characters
 - 4 Respond to the second prompt – what you like or you find good about the movie. Give reasons for your opinion.
 - 5 End the review with a brief conclusion that includes:
 - your overall evaluation (e.g. overall comment, rating, etc.)
 - your recommendation and reasonsThis answers your third prompt.
- Check that you have used the appropriate style and the correct tense.
- Remember to make use of cohesive devices.

Model Question 2

Write your answer in **200 – 250 words** in an appropriate style on this question paper.

You recently saw a notice in a travel magazine.

Reviews required!

Have you been to an island resort lately? Send us your review.

What did you like about the place?

Would you encourage your friends to visit this place? Why?

The best review will be published on our website.

Write your review.

Model Answer 2

Redang Beach Resort: A Review

Recently, I stayed at Redang Beach Resort, Pulau Redang with members of the Travellers Club. This island resort is an exclusive resort and has many exciting attractions. Located just 10 minutes away from the jetty, and surrounded by peaceful greenery, this resort is the perfect choice for a great holiday.

One of the best features of the resort is that all the beautiful chalets face the sea, offering you a marvelous view of the rising and setting sun. There are a good variety of chalets to cater to the different needs of visitors. Apart from that, food is extremely good here and it is worth your money. During our stay, we had fresh seafood for lunch and dinner. On the last night, the resort even arranged for a barbecue by the beach.

If you like activities, fret not as there are interesting packages provided by the resort for you to choose from. These include diving, snorkelling, fishing, wau making, batik printing and island hopping. We chose fishing and it was an incredible experience. We were first taught how to make rods for line fishing using squids as baits. Then, we braved the waves and stood in knee-deep water for our catch which was a mere handful as we lacked the fishing skills.

I would definitely recommend this resort to anyone who plans to go to Pulau Redang. It has good location, lovely chalets, amazing food and exciting activities to cater to individual needs.

Introduction of resort:

- name
- location
- description

What you like about the resort:

- chalets
- view
- food
- interesting activities

TAKE NOTE!

Use the past tense to relate your experiences as they are past events.

Would you recommend the place and why

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