

**WRITING TASK 2**

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

*Some industry leaders believe that children should learn computer programming in primary school.*

*To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? .*

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

Write at least 250 words.

**MODEL ANSWER 5.5**

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## MODEL ANSWER 5.5 - GRAMMATICAL RANGE and ACCURACY

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