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REFERENCE LETTER · MR. ANTONY ANCIL

IELTS & OET Test Administrator / IT Support · HCT CERT UAE 2007–2019 · 11 Years 9 Months British Council

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this reference letter in support of Mr. Antony Ancil, with whom I had the privilege of working at Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT) during my tenure at the Fujairah Campus from September 2004 to June 2007. I write this letter in my capacity as Master Trainer for the British Council Global IELTS team.

Mr. Antony Ancil served at HCT CERT — the Centre for Excellence in Research and Technology — as Test Day Administrator, Test Day IT Support, and Test Day Supervisor for IELTS and OET examinations administered under the British Council banner across all HCT UAE campuses. This role spanned 11 years and 9 months, from December 2007 to September 2019, with a consistent record of zero compliance incidents across hundreds of examination sessions.

🎓 Test Day Administrator IELTS & OET — All HCT UAE Campuses 11 Years 9 Months — Zero Incidents

💻 Test Day IT Support Computer-Based Testing · Systems Setup · Troubleshooting on Test Day

Having spent the majority of my own career within the British Council IELTS ecosystem — as an examiner, trainer, and now as a member of the Global IELTS Master Trainer Training team — I can speak with authority about what is required to administer British Council examinations to the highest standard. Mr. Antony's responsibilities encompassed the full spectrum of test day operations: candidate registration, identity verification, seating, IT systems setup, computer-based testing support, invigilation, and post-examination documentation — all executed in compliance with British Council standards.

Beyond his examination duties, Mr. Antony was known for his technical expertise, reliability, and his genuine commitment to the smooth operation of every examination session. In an environment where examination integrity is paramount, he was a trusted and dependable member of the team.

I recommend Mr. Antony Ancil without hesitation for roles in Examination Operations, IT Support, or Educational Administration — particularly within British Council environments. His unique combination of long-term British Council examination experience and technical IT expertise makes him an exceptionally valuable candidate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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This reference letter has been provided at the request of Mr. Antony Ancil for the purpose of employment and professional applications.