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**Sample Answers for all IELTS Task 1
diagrams & Task 2 Essays**

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Writing Task 1

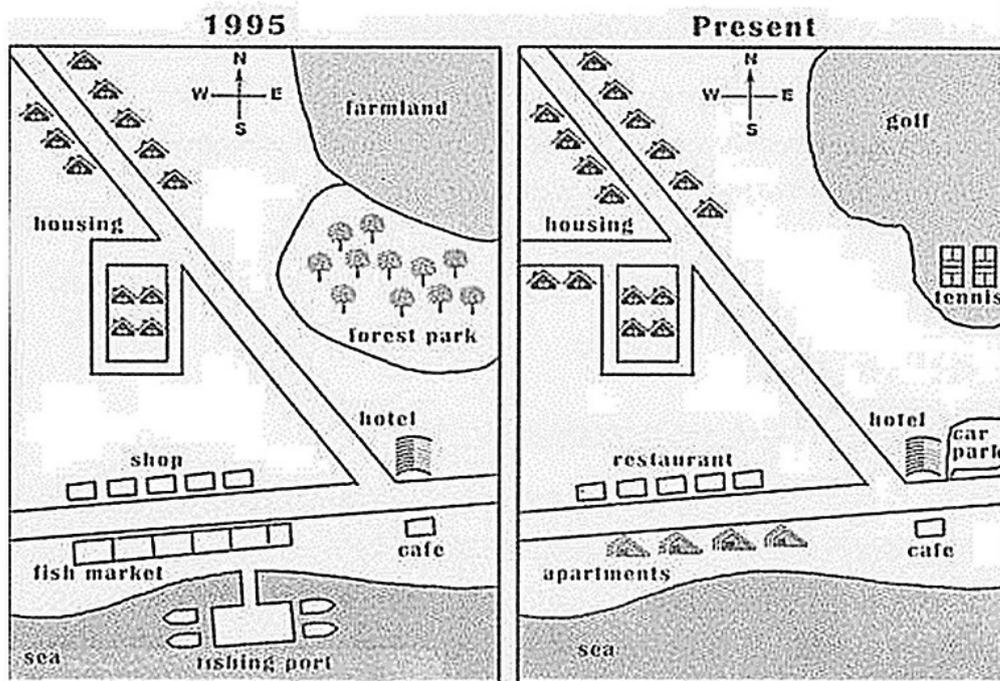
Maps: Past to Present

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the changes to the town of Seaville.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

Illustrated in the maps is the redevelopment of the town of Seaville from 1995 until the present day. Overall, the town has changed considerably, especially with the development of the leisure facilities in the north east.

The most noticeable change to Seaville since 1995 is the construction of a golf course and tennis courts, that have replaced the forest park and agricultural area. Another striking difference is the reconstruction of the sea front in the south, that includes the complete demolition of the fishing port. Additionally, the fish market in the south west has been replaced with apartments. The café, however, located in the south east, has remained unchanged.

All the retail facilities, specifically the shops, in the southwest have been converted into restaurants but the hotel has remained and added a car park to the east of the building. The residential facilities in the north west have been expanded with a few additional housing units being added to the existing ones.

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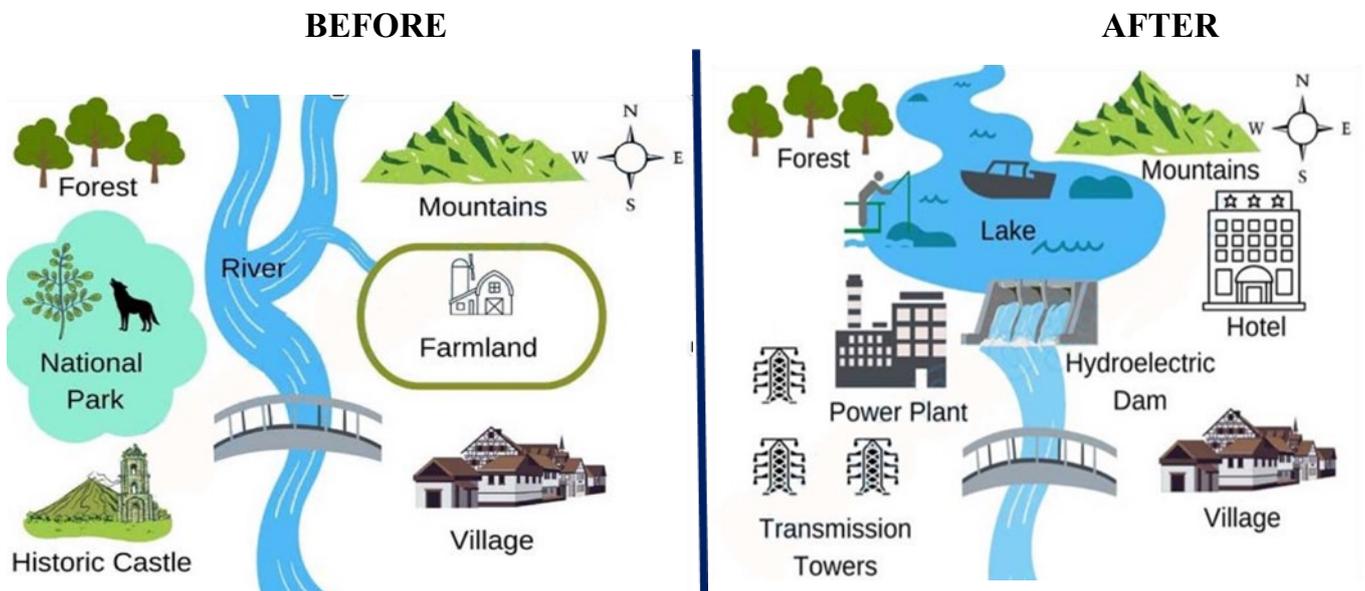
Maps: Past to Present

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The maps below describe an area before and after the construction of a hydroelectric power plant.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



Illustrated in the pictures are the changes that have taken place in an area after a hydroelectric dam was constructed. Overall, the region has changed considerably, especially with the creation of a sizable lake in the north.

Previously, a river, which irrigated the farmland, ran through the region from north to south. After the erection of the dam however, the river now only flows through the southern part of the area and a large lake has been created to the north. This lake provides leisure opportunities such as fishing and boating, as well as generating hydroelectric power.

West of the river, the national park and the castle have been replaced by a power plant and towers that conduct the electricity to consumers, while a hotel has replaced the farmland in the east. The village in the south-east along with the bridge that spans the river in the south, have remained unchanged, while in the north, the forest and mountains remain have also remained untouched.

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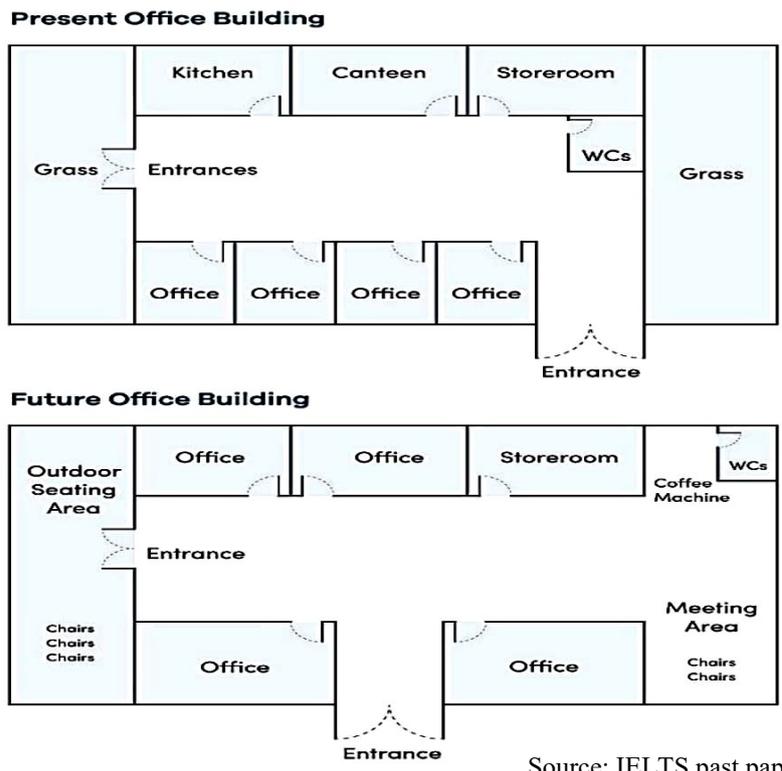
Maps: Present to Future

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the proposed changes to an office building.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

Illustrated in the maps is the existing structure and planned renovation of an office complex. Overall, extensive changes are proposed particularly regarding the re-development of the grass areas at either side of the building.

The grass area, currently located on the right of the building, will be changed to a meeting area and the WCs are proposed to be moved from its present location to the back right of the new complex. On the opposite side, the grass will be converted into a seating area. Additionally, another significant change is the relocation of the entrance from the right side to the center of the building.

In the central interior, the four small offices at the front will be remodeled into two larger ones, located on either side of the entrance. Furthermore, the canteen and kitchen at the rear are planned to be renovated into additional offices and a coffee machine will be installed next to the WCs, while the only room to remain unchanged will be the storeroom.

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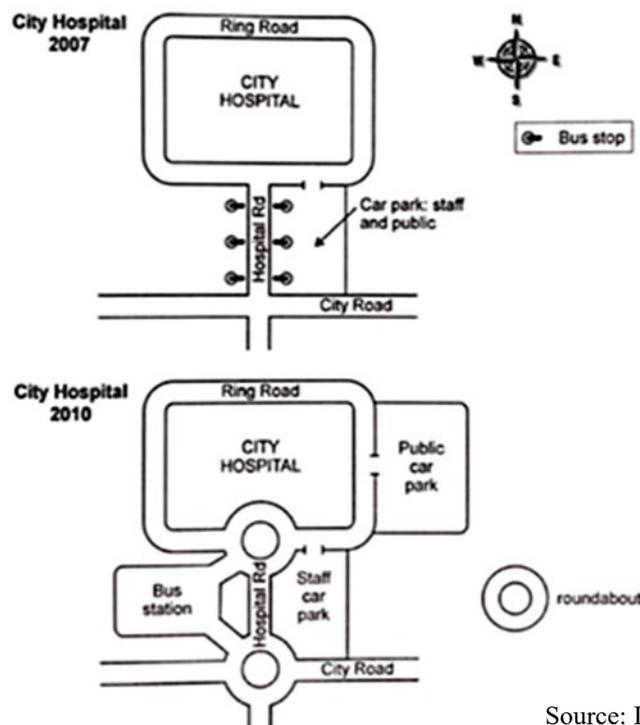
Maps: Past

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The two maps below show road access to a city hospital in 2007 and in 2010.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

The redevelopment of the road system at a hospital in the city, over a three-year period, is illustrated in the diagrams. Overall, the transport infrastructure was significantly reconstructed, especially with the expansion of parking facilities.

In 2007 there was a singular car park, east of Hospital Road, which served hospital employees and the public. By 2010, however, this was restricted to staff only, while additional parking for the public was opened to the east of the main hospital building. Access for vehicles to and from the hospital was considerably transformed, with the construction of two roundabouts north and south of Hospital Road.

Another major transformation was the improvement in public transport facilities at the hospital complex. Specifically, the six bus stops that were located on Hospital Road were removed and a large bus station was built to the south-east of the hospital that was connected to the two new roundabouts.

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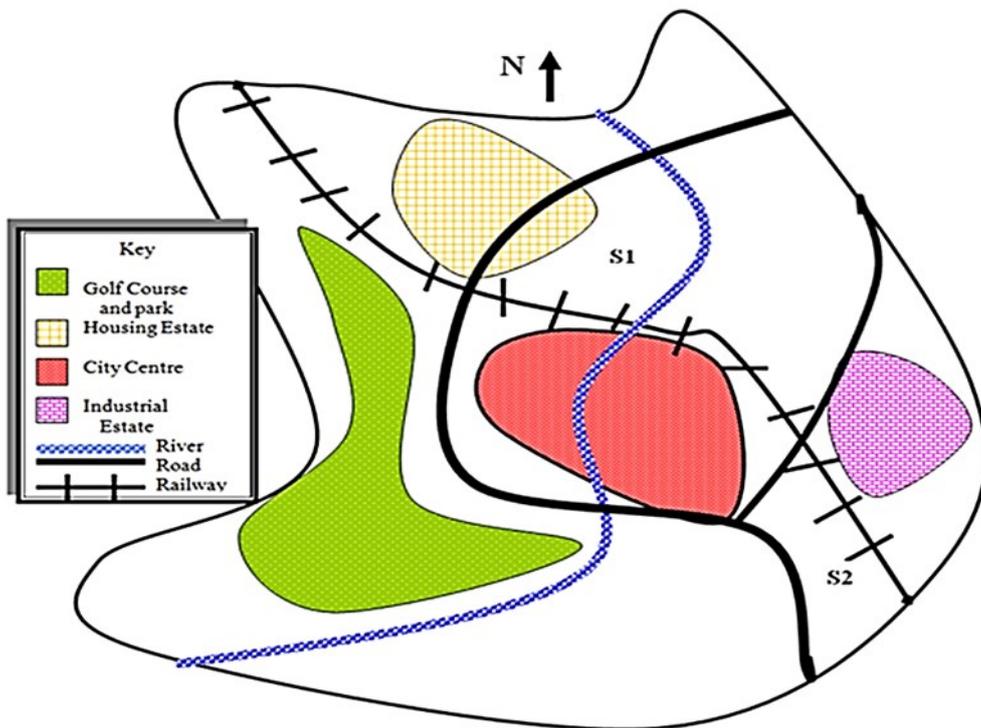
Single map

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The local council of Foxfield town plan to build a new shopping mall and two possible sites, S1 and S2 are being considered.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Illustrated in the map are the sites under consideration by the local council as the location for a new shopping mall in Foxfield. Overall, there are two proposed locations, with S1 in the north and S2 in the south east of the town.

The S1 site, just north of the city center, is very close to the main housing estate which means that it would be easy to access for the residents. Additionally, it is located between the main road and railway line, which would provide access for non-residents of the town. Furthermore, it is west of the river which would mean a picturesque location.

In comparison, the alternative site, S2 south east of the city center, is located closer to the main road and railway line thus offering access to those using these forms of transport. It is, however, next to the large industrial area which could raise issues of air pollution and is considerably farther from the town’s residential area than S1.

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Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

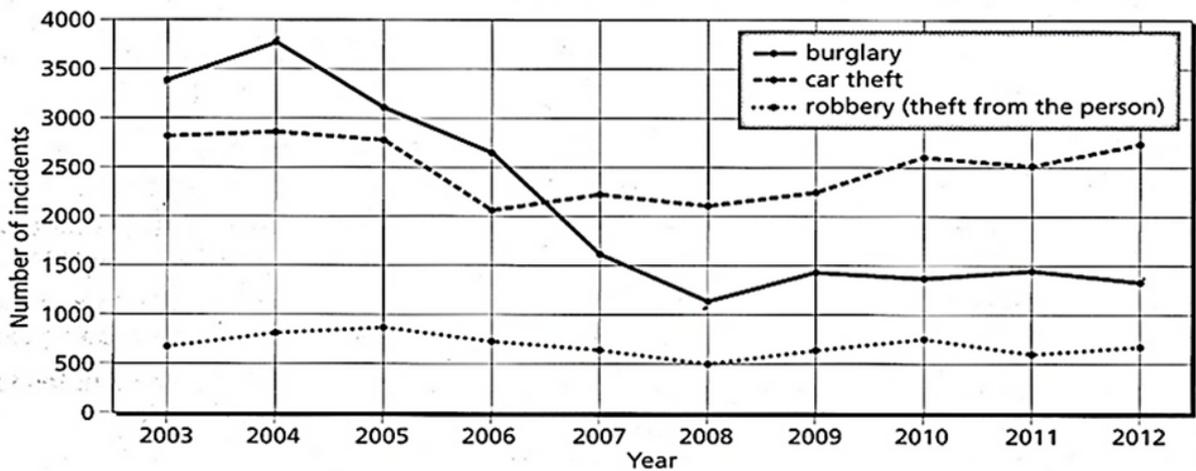
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the changes that took place in three different areas of crime in Newport city centre from 2003–2012.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

The changing rates of crime in the inner city from 2003–2012



Source: IELTS past paper

The rates of 3 different types of crime, from 2003 to 2012, are depicted in the line graph. Overall, there was a decrease in 2 categories, burglary and car theft, while the rate for robbery remained unchanged.

After an initial increase from roughly 3,400 to 3,800, from 2003 to 2004, there was a significant decline in the burglary rate from 2004 until 2008, from nearly 3700 incidents to around 1,100. After this dramatic drop, the rate fluctuated from 2008 to 2012 and finished at approximately 1,400 incidents in 2012.

In comparison, the robbery rate witnessed a steady fall in numbers from about 900 to 500 incidents over a 3-year period beginning in 2005 and ending in 2008. Additionally, there was a sharp decrease in the car theft rate in one year, from 2005 to 2006, dropping by approximately 1,700 incidents, from 2,700 to 2,000. Subsequently, the number of thefts varied until 2012 with the last recorded number being roughly 2,600.

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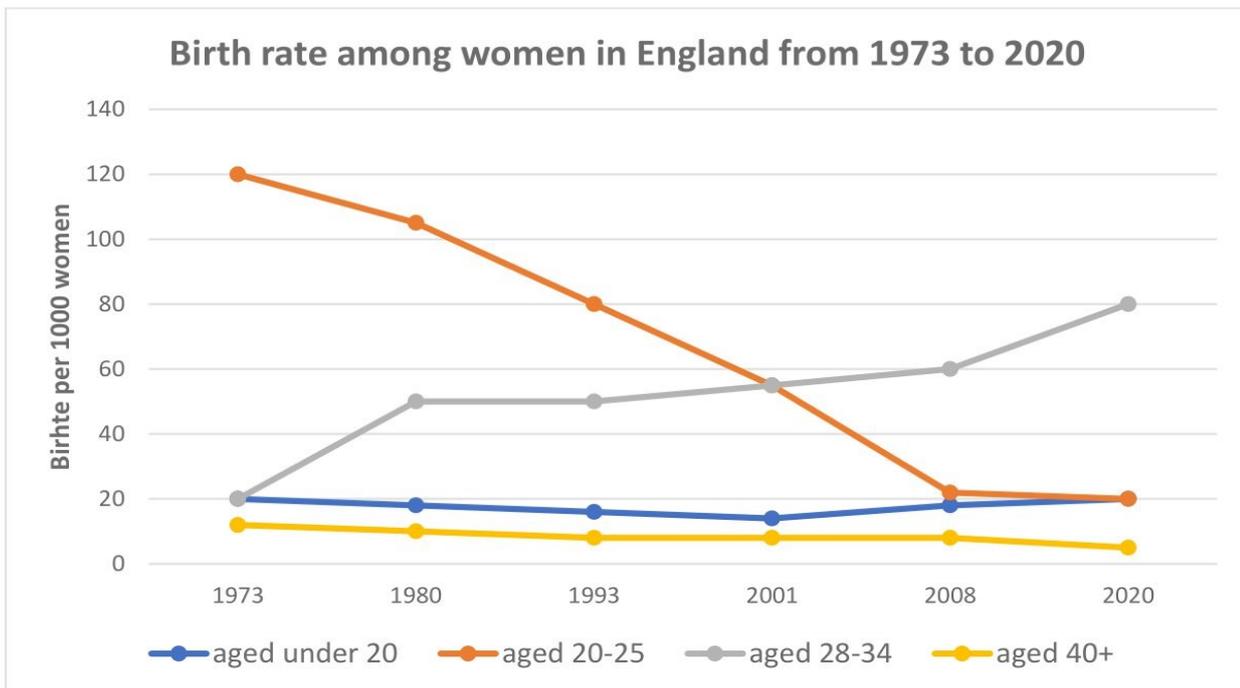
Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below gives information on the birth rate among women in England, from 1973 to 2020. The figures are measured in births per 1000 women.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



Depicted in the line graph is the rate of births among females in England over 47 years. Overall, there was a decline in two of the categories, an increase in one and the other remained unchanged.

In 1973, the highest birth rate belonged to women in the 20-25 age group with 120,000; however, this steeply declined to approximately 22,000 by 2008 and slightly decreased again to 20,000 by 2020. On the other hand, this rate for 28-34-year-old females grew by approximately 150% between 1973 and 1980, from 20,000 to around 50,000 and, subsequently increased to a final figure of 80,000 in 2020.

The 40+ age group witnessed the lowest figure for all the categories over the years and from 1993 to 2008, it remained constant at about 8,000 before decreasing slightly by roughly 5% in 2020. There was only a slight change in the birth rate of women under 20 between 1973 and 2020; however, the rates for 1973 and 2020 were identical at 20,000.

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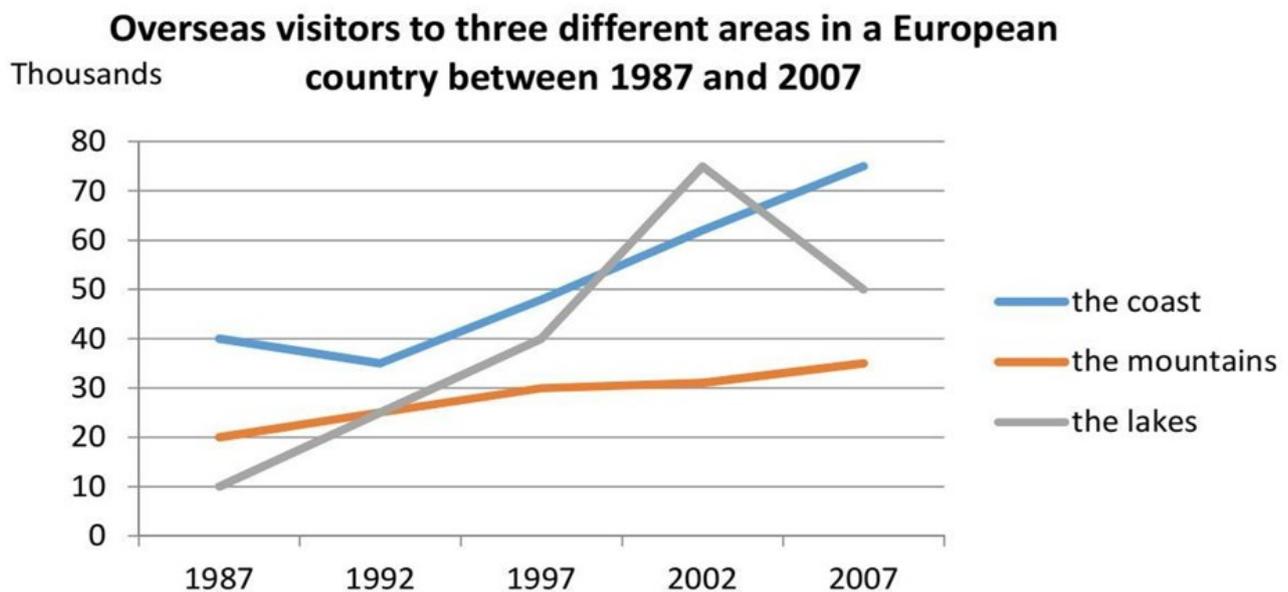
Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows the number of overseas visitors to three different areas in a European country between 1987 and 2007.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



Depicted in the line graph is the number of travelers who visited three different attractions in a European nation from 1987 to 2007. Overall, there was an increase in the number of tourists in all three categories over the period of twenty years.

In 1987, the coast was the most popular attraction with 40 thousand visitors, whereas the lakes were the least visited with only 10 thousand. From 1987 to 2002, however, the number of tourists opting for the lakes rose sharply from 10 to approximately 75 thousand before declining steeply to 50 thousand by 2007.

The number of visitors to the mountains saw a steady rise over two decades, commencing with 20 thousand and ending with roughly 35 thousand. In contrast, the number of tourists preferring the coast fluctuated over the same period, dropping from 40 to 35 thousand from 1987 to 1992 before more than doubling to 75 thousand by 2007.

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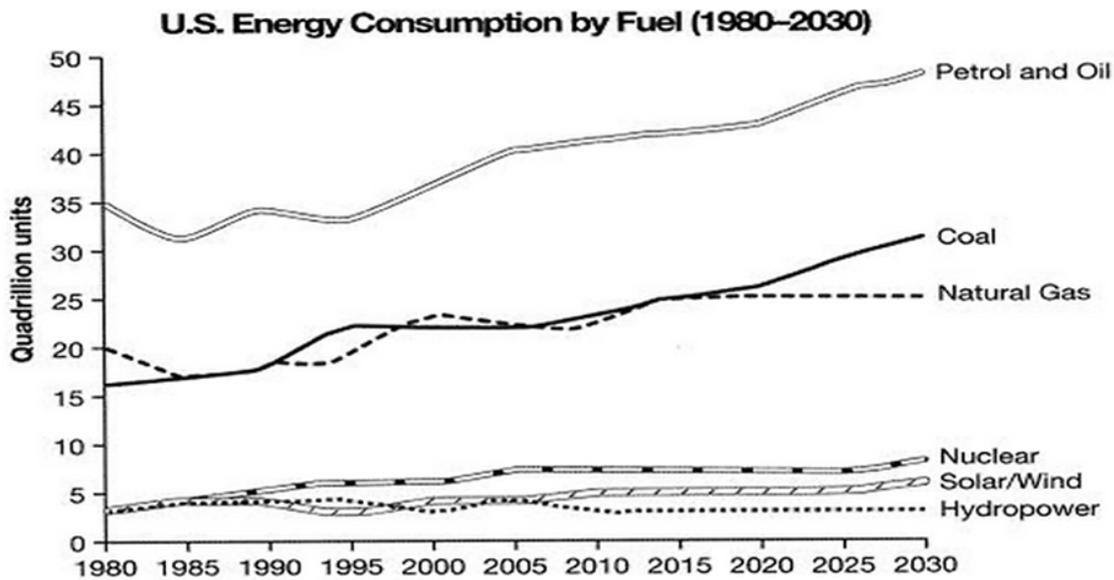
Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below gives information from a 2008 report about consumption of energy in the USA since 1980 with projections until 2030.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

Illustrated in the line graph is how the US has consumed fuel from 1980 until the present day including estimations on future trends. Overall, there has been an increase in five categories until today, which is expected to continue with the exception of hydropower.

Petrol and oil use fluctuated between 1980 and 1996 but then rose considerably up to today's total of about 40 quadrillion units furthermore, it is predicted to increase to approximately 50 quadrillion units by 2030. Natural gas similarly fluctuated from 20 to about 23 units from 1980 until 2013, however, since then it has plateaued and is forecast to remain constant at 23 units until 2030.

Coal use has risen steadily and is expected to continue growing up to 30 quadrillion units by 2030. In contrast, a slight increase was witnessed in the growth of nuclear energy and solar/wind and they are estimated to reach 6 and 4 quadrillion, units, respectively by 2030. Even though the rate of hydropower varied from 1980 to approximately 2013, ranging from 4 to 3 units, the rate has remained constant until today and is projected to remain unchanged until 2030.

190 words

Dynamic Charts: Table

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the percentage of children with different educational problems in two primary schools.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where necessary.

Write at least 150 words.

Percentage of children with different educational problems

	2012	2012	Today	Today
Problem area	School A	School B	School A	School B
Spelling	22	8	24	10
Handwriting	29	9	29	9
Reading ability	30	5	15	10
Listening skills	35	11	20	12
Concentration level	40	15	20	15
Following instructions	42	6	21	12

The percentage of school pupils with various learning issues, at two different schools from 2012 until today, is illustrated in the table. Overall, there has been a decrease in the percentage in four of the categories at school A, whereas school B has witnessed an increase in four of the learning issues.

At school A, the greatest issue amongst school pupils in 2012 was the ability to follow instructions at a rate of 42%, however by today, this has halved to 21%. In comparison, in the same category, school B’s rate has doubled from 6% to 12%.

Regarding handwriting, schools A and B have witnessed no change in the percentage rate from 2012 until the present day with 29% and 9%, respectively. School B’s major problem for students in 2012 was concentration levels, at 15% and this has remained unchanged until today. However, school A has seen this educational issue drop by 50%, from 40% to 20%.

157 words

Dynamic Charts: Table

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows the number of motor vehicles per 1,000 inhabitants in eight countries in 1990 and 2000.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Country	1990	2000
Bahamas	235	187
Brazil	55	135 80
Cambodia	1	1
Chile	68	88
Jordan	50	157
Luxembourg	548	728
New Zeland	531	557
Romania	68	80 12

The quantity of motor vehicles per 1000 citizens in eight nations in 1990 and 2000 is depicted in the diagram. Overall, 6 of the 8 countries witnessed an increase in ownership and 1 nation decreased, while only one remained static.

In 1990, people in Luxembourg owned the most motor vehicles at 548 whilst the lowest number belonged to Cambodia, at only 1. By 2000 the figure for Cambodia had remained unchanged, whereas Luxembourg had risen by 180. Brazil saw the greatest increase in ownership, starting at 55 in 1990 and rising to 13,580 by 2000 while the Bahamas was the only country to experience a decline from 235 in 1990 to 187 by 2000.

Romania also had a substantial increase from 68 to 8,012 over the period and, in addition, the growth in Chile and New Zealand was less significant with rises of 20 and 26 vehicles, respectively. Ownership in Jordan more than tripled from 50 in 1990 up to 157 in 2000.

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Dynamic Charts: Pie Charts

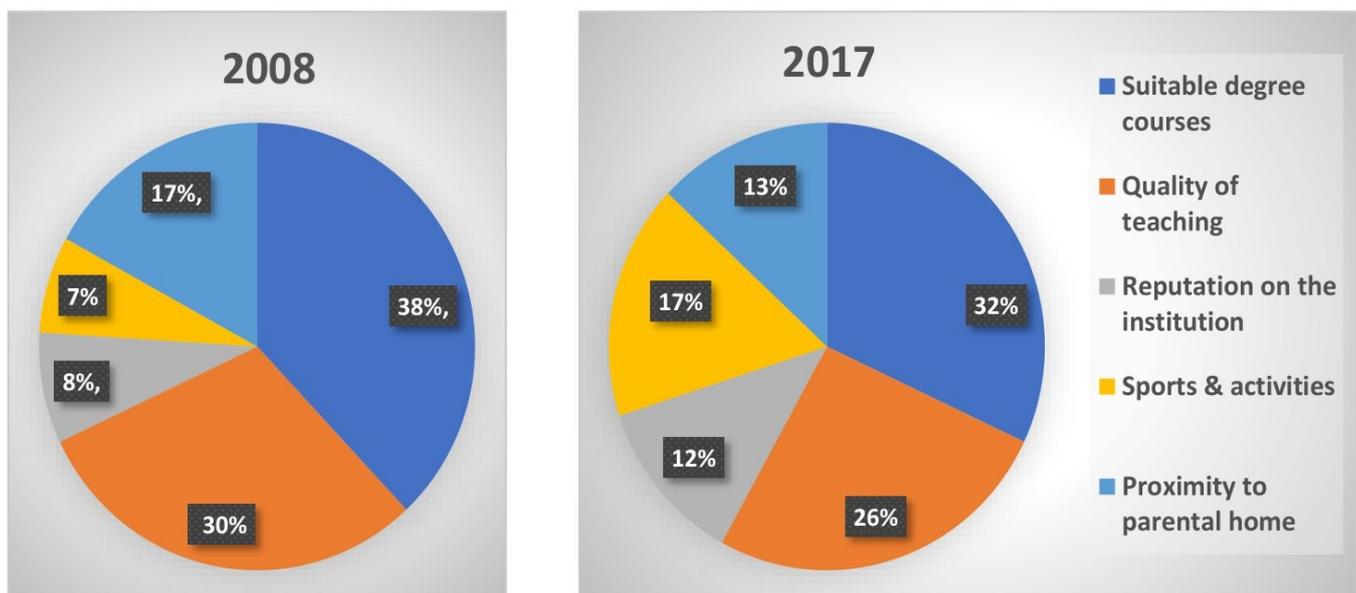
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below reveal the different reasons that motivated students to choose a college or university in the UK, in 2008 and 2017.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Reasons why students chose a college/university in the UK



The various reasons why undergraduates opted for a university or college in the United Kingdom in 2008 and 2017 are depicted in the pie charts. Overall, there was an increase in three of the categories whereas a decrease was recorded in the other two.

In 2008 and 2017 the most popular reason for deciding which college to attend was the suitability of courses at 38% and 32% respectively however, it fell by 6% over the period. The least favored reason in 2008 was activities and sports at 7% but by 2017 this had more than doubled to 17%, resulting in it being ranked as the third highest preference.

Even though the institution’s reputation climbed from 8% to 12% over the years, it was ranked last in 2017 compared to fourth place in 2008. The category of the university’s closeness to home became less important with a decrease of 4%, dropping from 17% to 13%. Teaching excellence, in addition, registered a decline in popularity from 32% to 26%.

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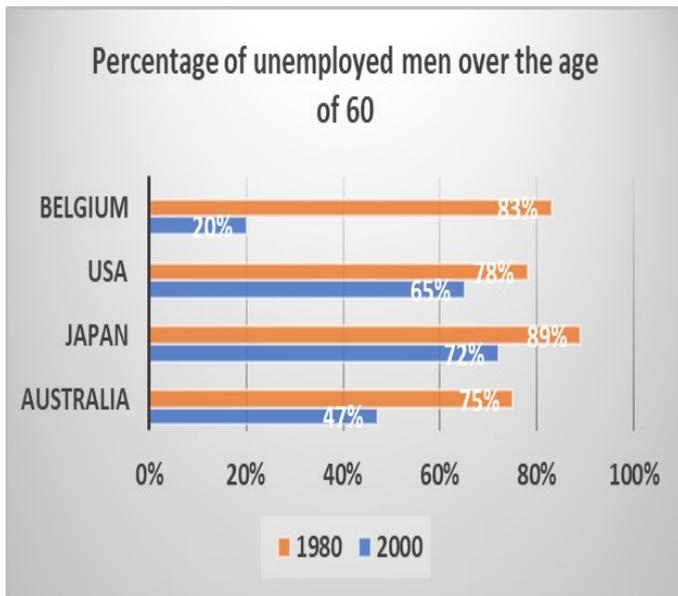
Dynamic Charts: Bar Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below provide information about the unemployment rate amongst men and women over the age of 60 in Belgium, USA, Japan and Australia, in the years 1980 and 2000.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



The unemployment rate for males and females who were over 60 years old, in 4 countries over a 20-year period, is depicted in the diagrams. Overall, the rate for men declined whereas the rate for women increased in 2 of the 4 countries.

According to the first bar chart, Belgium witnessed the greatest decline in men’s unemployment over the 20 years where the rate fell by 63%, from 83% to 20%. In comparison, the USA’s rate for males dropped the least by 13%. Japan and Australia saw similar declines in their unemployment rates, falling by 17% and 28%, respectively.

Regarding the second chart, Belgium had the lowest unemployment rate for females of all the countries at 8% in 1980, which fell to 5% in 2000. The USA and Australia, in contrast, both increased, with the former rising by 4% and the latter by 3% over the time period. Even though the out of work rate declined in Japan by 5%, it was the country with the highest rate of all the nations, with 53% in 1980 and 48% in 2000.

180 words

Static Charts: Table

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the final medal table from the London Olympic Games in 2012.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words

2012 Olympics medal table

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States (USA)	46	29	29	104
2	China (CHN)	38	27	23	88
3	Great Britain (GBR)	29	17	19	65
4	Russia (RUS)	24	26	32	82
5	South Korea (KOR)	13	8	7	28
6	Germany (GER)	11	19	14	44
7	France (FRA)	11	11	12	34
8	Italy (ITA)	8	9	11	28
9	Hungary (HUN)	8	4	5	17
10	Australia (AUS)	7	16	12	35

Illustrated in the table are the ten most successful countries that competed at the London Olympics of 2012 in terms of medals won. Overall, the countries were ranked according to the number of gold medals they attained rather than the sum of all medals, with the USA positioned at number one in both categories.

China was placed second with 38 gold medals, which was eight less than the USA, achieving 88 medals in total. Additionally, Great Britain and Russia took the third and fourth places, with 29 and 24 gold medals, respectively.

Russia, however, surpassed Great Britain by 17 in the total number of medals won, as well as gaining the greatest number of bronze medals, with 32. Ranked tenth was Australia with the fewest number of gold medals, at seven. Although Hungary gained ninth position with eight gold medals, their 17 medals in total were less than half of Australia's 35.

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Static Charts: Bar Charts

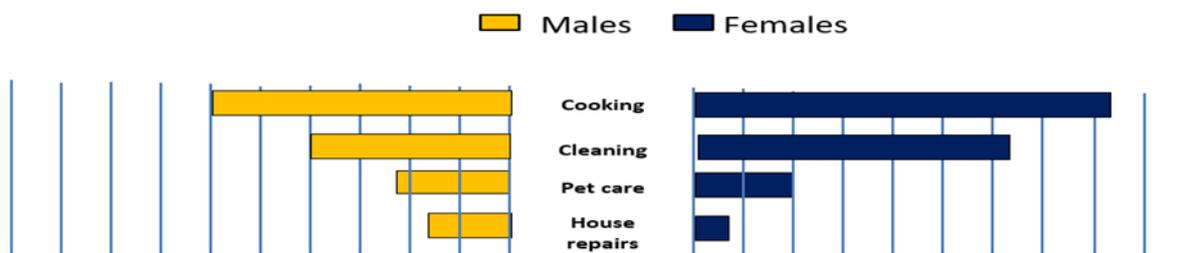
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The first chart below shows the percentages of women and men in a country involved in some kinds of home tasks (cooking, cleaning, pet caring and repairing the house). The second chart shows the amount of time each gender spent on each task per day.

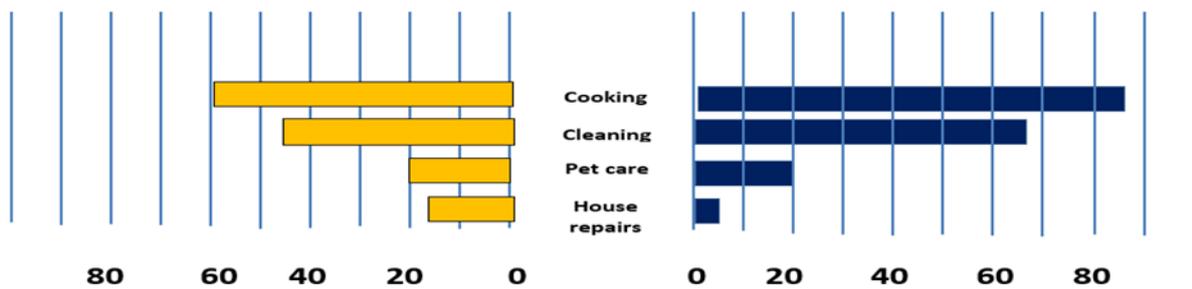
Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Percentage of males and females who do housework



Average time males and females do housework (minutes)



Illustrated in the first diagram is the proportion of males and females in a nation engaging in certain household chores, while depicted in the second chart is the amount of time each gender spent on a task daily. Overall, the percentages for doing the cooking are highest for men and women, whereas both genders spend the least amount of daily time on repairing the house.

According to the first chart, the proportion of women involved in cooking is the highest, at 82%, while the opposite is true for house repairs, at only about 9%. Both genders were almost equal when it came to pet care, with approximately 21% of men indulging in it compared to 20% of women.

As shown in the second chart, an equal amount of time per day, 20 minutes, was spent on pet care by both genders. One hour is spent on cooking by men, which is three times as much as pet care, whereas women spend over 4 times more on cooking, at around 85 minutes, than taking care of the pet.

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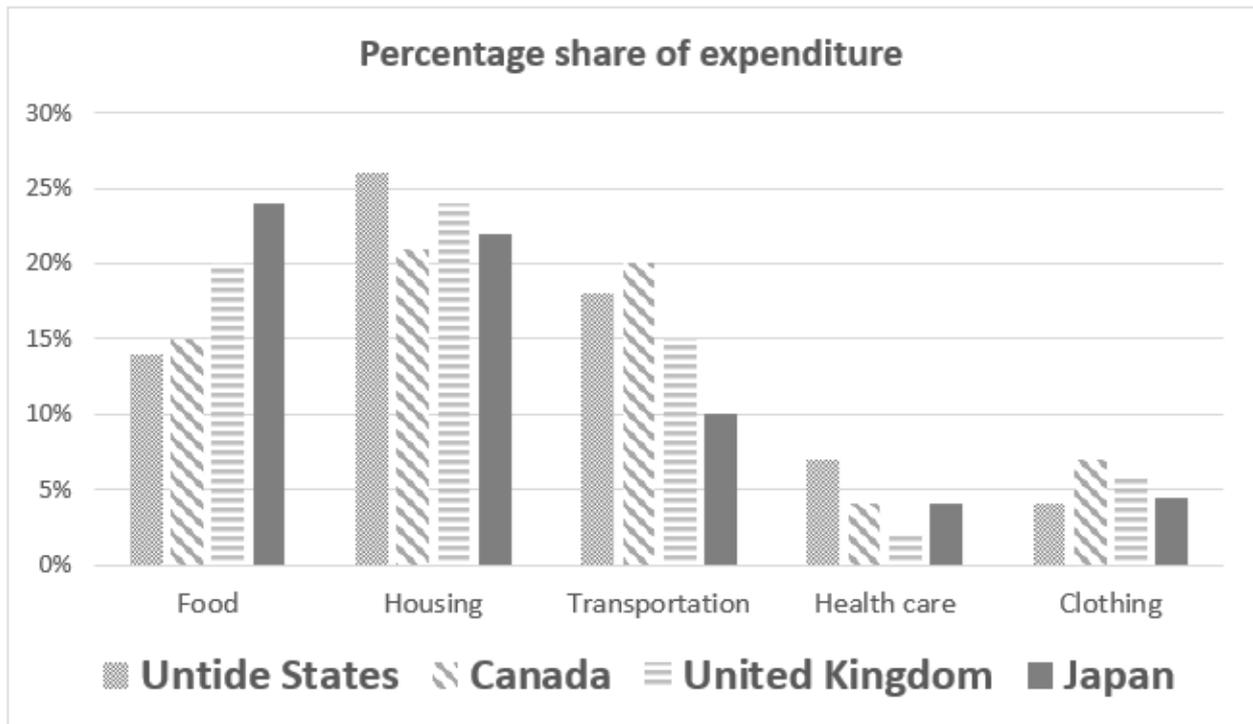
Static Charts: Bar Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The bar chart below shows shares of expenditures for five major categories in the USA, Canada, the UK and Japan in 2009.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



Depicted in the diagram is the expenditure on 5 main categories in 4 different countries in 2009. Overall, almost every country’s greatest expense was housing, while health care and clothing accounted for the least amounts.

The USA spent approximately 27% on housing, which was the highest expense of any country in all the categories, whereas the UK spent the lowest amount, roughly 2%, on health care. Regarding spending on food, Japan was the biggest spender at about 23%, while in comparison, approximately 14% accounted for the USA’s expenditure.

Japan spent an equal amount on health care and clothing at 4% while the UK spent three times more on clothing, at 6%, than health care at only 2%. Canadians greatest expenditure was on housing, which was roughly 21%, and this amount was slightly higher than transportation which accounted for 20% of their spending. Additionally, Canada spent the least amount on health care, at 4%.

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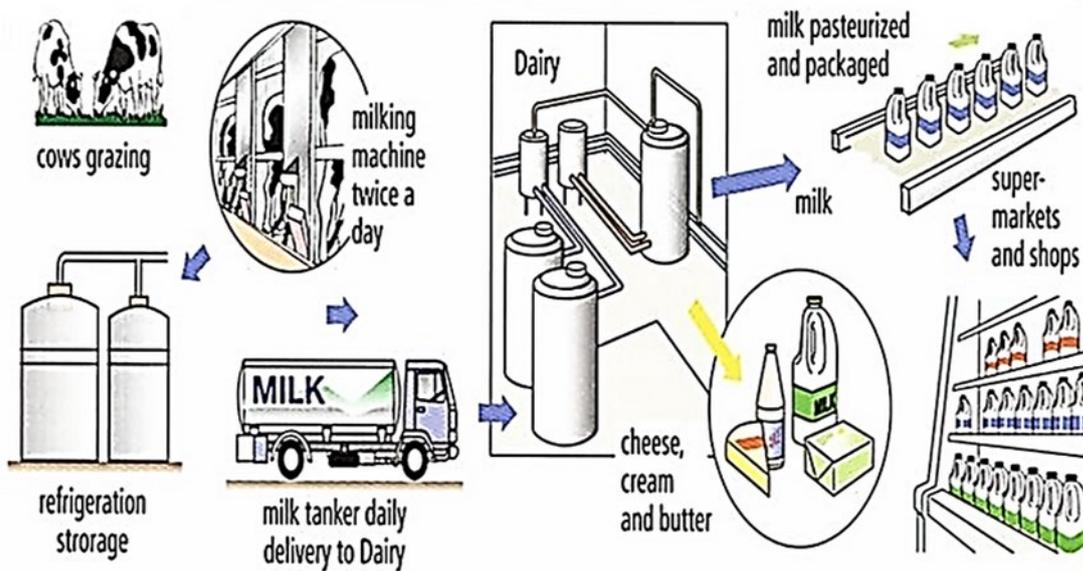
Manufacturing Process

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the production and processing of milk for commercial sale.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Depicted in the flow chart is the procedure for producing milk and associated products. Overall, there are several stages, commencing with cows grazing on grass and finishing with the product being converted into various dairy produce and placed on sale at retail outlets.

After cows have eaten grass, they are milked using a mechanical milking machine two times every day, and once this is completed, the milk is stored in refrigerated containers. In the next stage, it is transported to a dairy by a specially designed lorry on a daily basis.

Once at the dairy, the milk is stored in tanks before it is either turned into dairy products such as butter, cheese or cream or, alternatively, it is moved on to the pasteurization stage. After the milk is pasteurized, it is then divided into containers, such as plastic bottles, that are transported to supermarkets and shops where they are sold to consumers.

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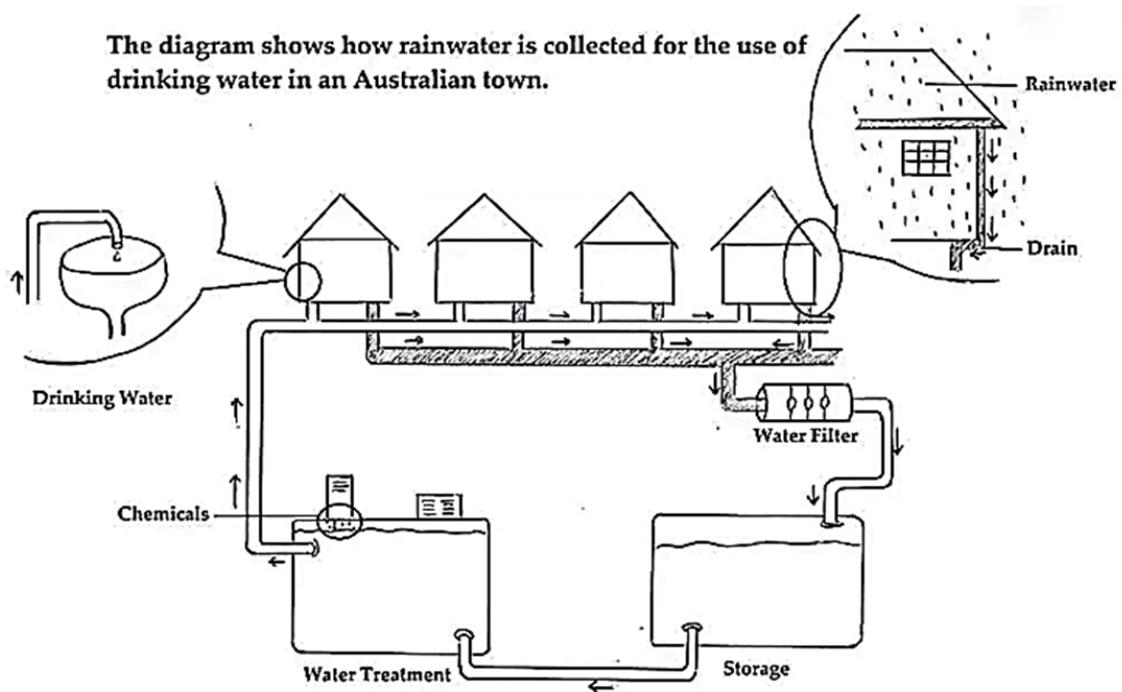
Process

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram shows how rainwater is collected for the use of drinking water in an Australian town.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



The process of the collection of rainwater, in a town in Australia, and its conversion into clean water to drink is depicted in the diagram. Overall, there are several stages, commencing with rain falling on the houses and ending with the drinking water readily available for households.

To begin with, rainwater is channeled from the roof of the house into a drain at the base of it where it is then passed into a water filter and the cleaning process begins. The water, after the filtration stage, is moved through a pipe into a large, rectangular storage tank which is located next to the water filter.

In the next stage, the water is moved along to a treatment tank where chemicals are added to further the purification process. Once the water has been purified, it is fed along another pipe to the homes where it drips into a funnel and is finally stored in the house for use by its residents.

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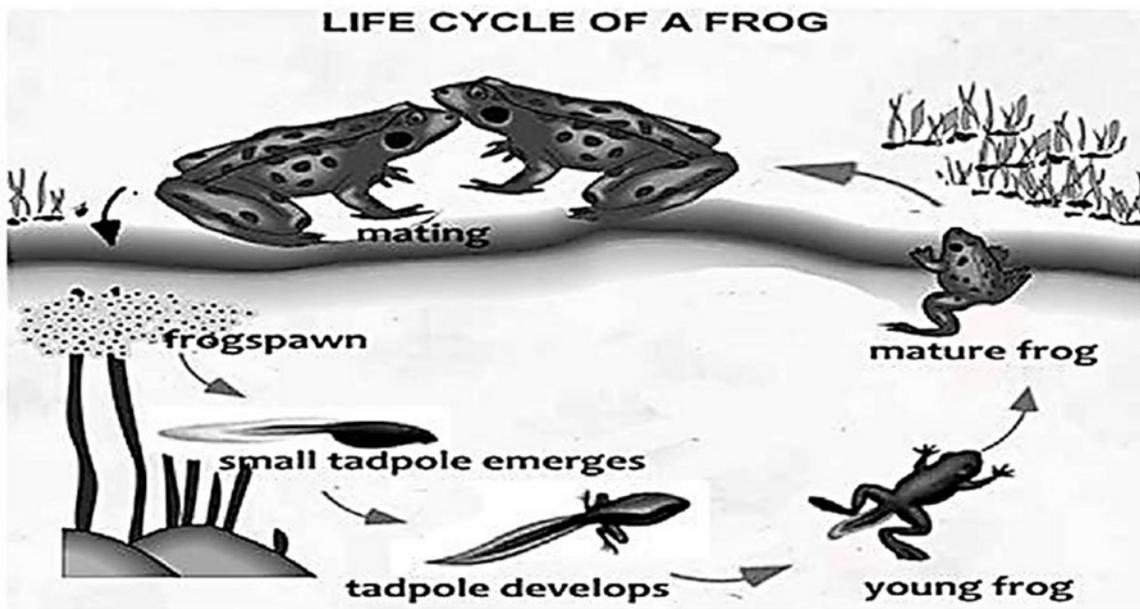
Natural Cycle

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the stages in the life cycle of a frog.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

The diagram shows the cycle of life of a frog. Overall, there are 6 stages in its life, beginning with mating and it is an ongoing process.

Once the adult frogs have mated, the female lays her eggs or frogspawn, which are attached to vegetation, just under the surface of the water. After a period of time, the infant frog or tadpole, which has a tiny body with a long tail, emerges from the egg. The tadpole subsequently evolves over time and grows hind legs and develops a bigger body.

The next stage of its cycle is the evolution of the young frog which has 4 legs and a much larger body that resembles the adult frog. However, it still retains its tail which, by this time, is a lot smaller than the previous versions. The final stage of its transformation is when the young frog evolves into a mature one that no longer has a tail and has fully developed legs and a body. This mature frog then finds a mate and the cycle begins again.

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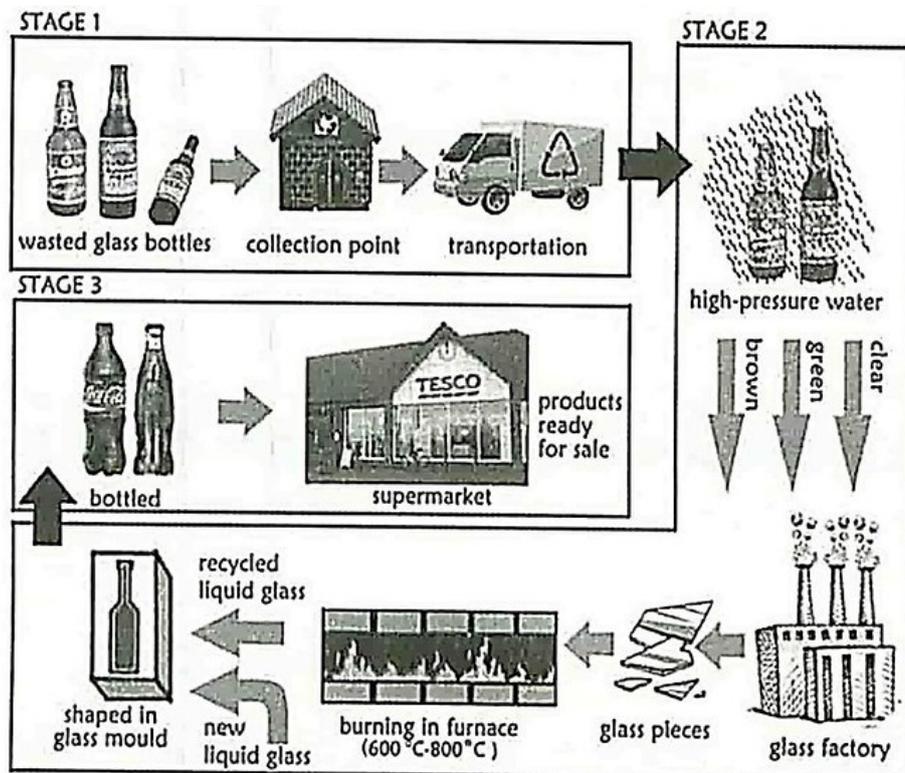
Recycle Procedure

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the process of recycling bottles.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



The procedure for reusing bottles made of glass is depicted in the diagram. Overall, there are a number of steps divided into 3 stages, commencing with empty bottles and finishing with these filled with commercial products on sale at retail outlets.

Initially, in stage 1, the bottles are taken to a collection point where they are gathered and transported away by a truck. In stage 2, the bottles are divided into three categories according to their color after they have been cleaned using a high-pressure wash.

Subsequently, at the glass factory, they are crushed into pieces and then loaded into a furnace where they are heated at high temperatures until liquified. Next, the liquid glass is mixed with new glass material and poured into a mold which shapes it into a new bottle. In what is categorized as stage 3, bottles are filled with various products and finally transported to stores where they are placed on sale.

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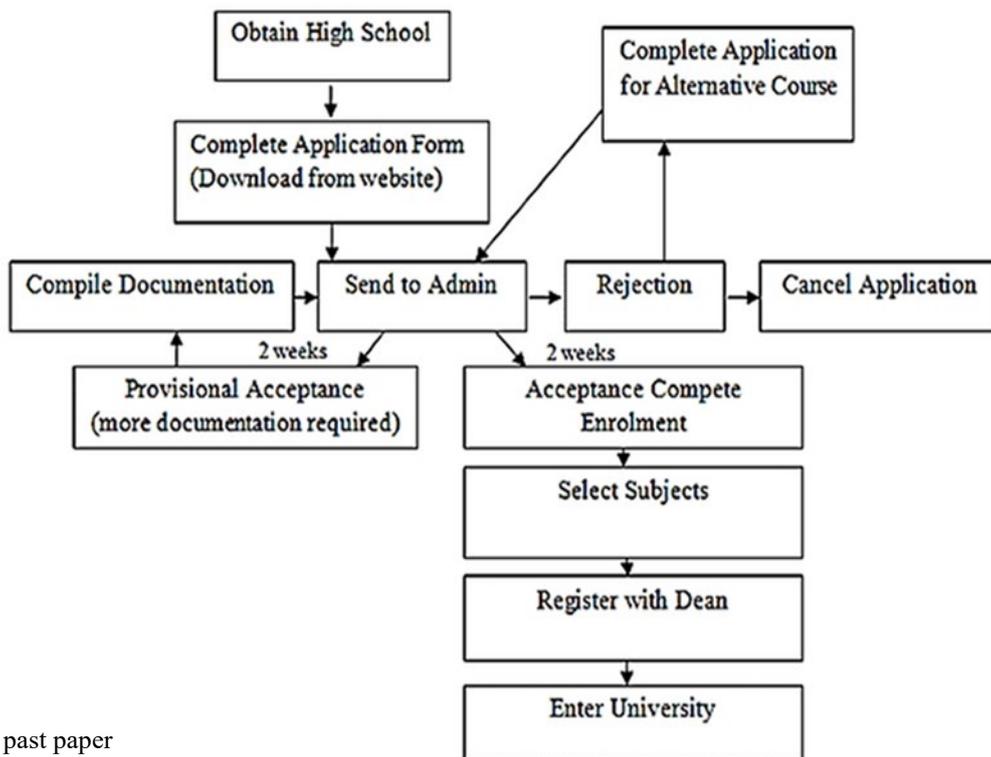
Flow Chart

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram shows the procedure for university entry for high school graduates.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

Illustrated in the flowchart is the procedure which students, who have graduated from high school, follow when applying for a college course. Overall, there are several steps, commencing with high school graduation and ending with either rejection of the application or successfully entering university.

Once the application form has been downloaded and completed by high school graduates, it is forwarded to the university admin department where there are several possible outcomes. If it is rejected, it will either be cancelled, or the applicant can apply for a different course and resubmit their alternate application to the same department.

Alternatively, when the form is provisionally accepted, after a 2-week consideration period, the applicant is required to gather and provide additional documents to support their application and then submit these to the college. Once candidates are accepted at the end of a fourteen-day appraisal, they can complete their registration with the Dean after they have chosen their preferred subjects and then they finally join the college.

164 words

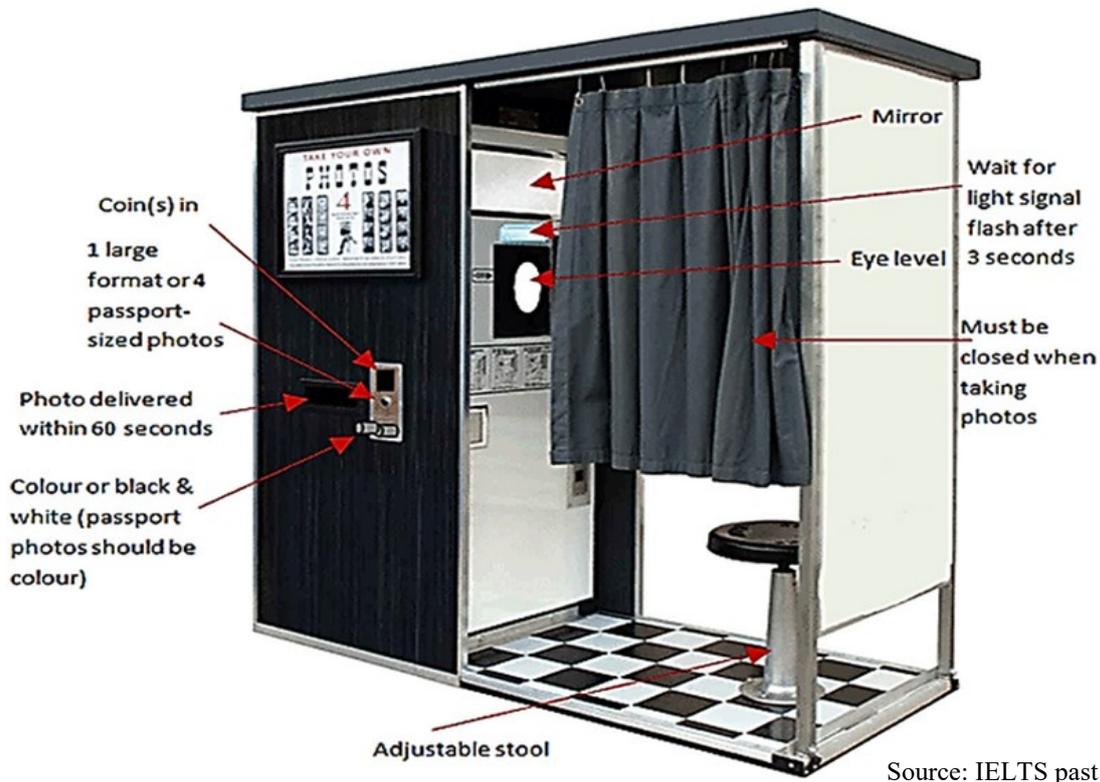
Machines & Devices

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The picture below shows an automatic photo booth.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

The main features of a coin-operated photo booth are depicted in the photograph. Overall, the device allows users to take two different types of photos.

On the outside of the device, the user should, to begin with, insert coins into the slot. The amount they pay depends on which type of service they want, either a single large size picture or four passport-sized ones. The customer can then select if they want black and white or color prints, although passport photos must be in color.

The user has to close the curtain when the photographs are being taken. There is a mirror inside the booth in which people can check their appearance and there is an adjustable stool that should be lowered or raised so that the user's eyes are level with the screen. A light above the screen comes on to signal the photo will be taken and the flash goes off after three seconds. The photos can be collected from the large slot on the outside of the booth within a minute.

174 words

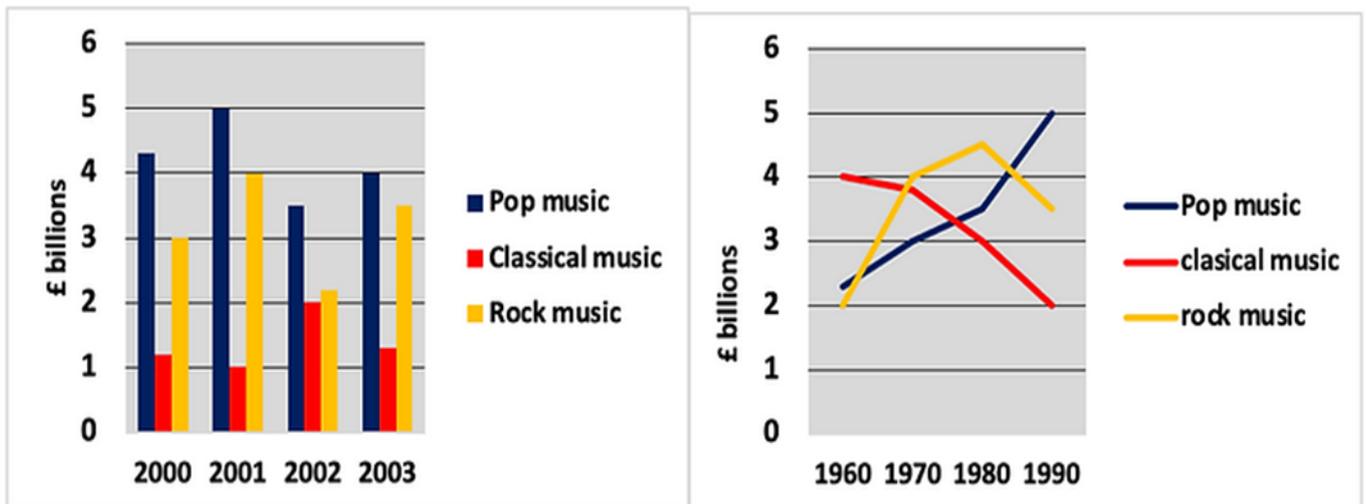
Multiple Diagrams

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graphs below provide information about the sales of three different types of music in England.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words



Depicted in the diagrams are the sales of three kinds of music per decade and annually. Overall, pop music was consistently the best seller, according to the bar chart, while the line graph shows that sales of pop and rock increased, whereas classical decreased.

The sales of all music types, illustrated in the bar chart, fluctuated over the years, but pop was consistently the most popular and peaked at £5 billion in 2001, while rock reached its highest level in 2001 at £4 billion. Classical, in comparison, was always the least popular, with the lowest amount sold in 2001 at just over £1 billion.

As for the line graph, the sales for pop more than doubled from approximately £2.2 in 1960 to £5 billion in 1990 whereas classical sales slumped by 50%, from £4 to £2 billion over the same period of time. There was a steep rise in the sales of rock from £2 to £4.5 billion from 1960 to 1980, but sales sharply declined over the next decade from approximately £4.5 to £3.5 billion.

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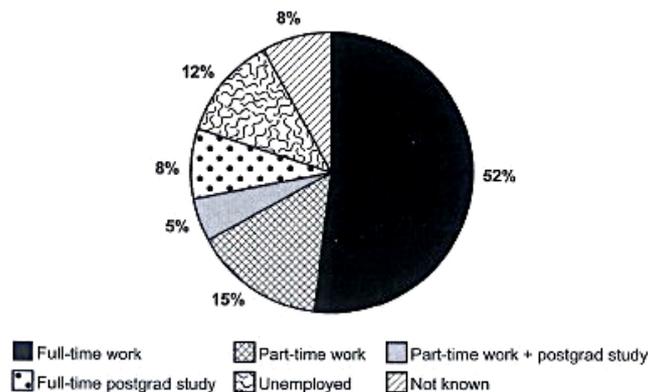
Multiple Diagrams

The chart below shows what Anthropology graduates from one university did after finishing their undergraduate degree course. The table shows the salaries of the anthropologists in work after five years.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Destination of Anthropology graduates (from one university)



Salaries of Anthropology graduates (after 5 years' work)

Type of employment	\$25,000–49,999	\$50,000–74,999	\$75,000–99,999	\$100,000+
Freelance consultants	5%	15%	40%	40%
Government sector	5%	15%	30%	50%
Private companies	10%	35%	25%	30%

Source: IELTS past paper

The pie chart illustrates what students of anthropology, from a college, did after graduation, while the table compares their earnings after 5 years in employment. Overall, the majority of students decided to enter full-time employment after graduation, while government sector employees were the highest paid after 5 years.

Slightly more than half the graduates, at 52%, from a single college, entered full time employment, whereas combining full-time work with a postgrad course was the least popular choice and accounted for 5% of the total figures. In addition, enrolling on a full-time postgrad course and not known were the second lowest figures and constituted 8% each.

Half of the graduates of anthropology who worked for the government, received a salary of more than \$100,000, while 10% of those employed by private companies received \$25,000 to \$49,999. An equal percentage of freelance consultants and government employees receive identical salaries, with 5% receiving \$25,000 to \$49,999 and 15% getting a salary between \$50,000 and \$74,999.

162 words

Writing Task 2**Agree or Disagree**

**You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic**

Many people believe that the current system of both teachers and students in the classroom will no longer exist by the year 2050.

To what extent do you agree with this opinion?

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

Write at least 250 words.

It is claimed by many that the contemporary practice of students interacting with teachers in actual classrooms is forecast to disappear by 2050. I strongly disagree with this statement and this essay will detail the reasons why.

While it is incontrovertible that remote learning has become an increasingly popular and convenient method of learning especially for adults and college students, I believe that this approach is not effective when it comes to children and adolescents. This is because these groups of pupils lack the concentration levels for distance learning where it is necessary to sit in front of a screen for long periods, usually at home where there are too many distractions. For instance, in my country in 2018, political leaders implemented a pilot scheme of studying remotely with several secondary schools. The result was that 80% of pupils had worse academic results when compared to other institutions that did not employ such a system.

Another drawback is that many courses are not practically suited to digital teaching, especially courses that involve a high degree of hands on practice, supervised by a tutor. Science subjects such as physics and chemistry require students to conduct experiments in a lab setting, which would be impossible with online classes. It is simply not realistic to expect students to have access to the necessary equipment and, obviously, there are health and safety issues associated with youngsters conducting hazardous experiments without guidance.

In conclusion, classroom tuition, with tutors and pupils in the same room, will never be completely replaced because remote learning is not a suitable approach for youngsters and, what is more, it is impractical for subjects requiring explicit practice.

276 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Opinions on food are changing rapidly and there are many who believe that everyone should follow a vegetarian diet because it would have a positive impact on our health and the environment.

Do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words.

An increased awareness of how a meat-free diet can benefit our health and the environment has resulted in the widely held belief that everyone should become vegetarian. I equally agree and disagree with this proposal and this essay will outline the reasons why.

On the one hand, there are several benefits to becoming a vegetarian. Specifically, medical research has proved conclusively that vegetarians are less likely to develop health-related issues such as obesity or cardio-vascular diseases. High cholesterol levels, moreover, can be reduced and controlled by eliminating meat from our diet. Additionally, sourcing food from alternatives to meat can reduce the negative environmental impact of industrial meat farming where huge swathes of natural habitat are lost every year to deforestation.

Meat consumption, however, is considered to be a reliable and essential source of vitamins and minerals that are crucial in maintaining physical health. A vegetarian diet lacks the important nutrients which are vital, for example, when it comes to the healthy development of children. As a result, these deficiencies need to be addressed by a high intake of supplements. One more consideration is that meat production is a billion-dollar industry on which millions of people rely upon for employment and switching to a vegetarian culture would result in the loss of their livelihood.

To conclude, I believe a balance of meat and vegetables in one's diet is the healthiest option that would have the advantage of safeguarding peoples' jobs. However, consumption of meat ought to be reduced for health and environmental reasons and alternatives should be considered.

258 words

Advantages & Disadvantages

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Many elderly people are no longer being looked after by their families, rather they are living in nursing homes. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this trend?

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

Write at least 250 words.

An increasing number of senior citizens in today's society are not being taken care of by their immediate family; instead, they are residing in care establishments. This essay will analyze the positive and negative aspects of this trend.

On a positive note, elderly peoples' physical and mental well-being are carefully monitored and evaluated by trained professionals in residential homes. Scientific research clearly identifies that most people over the age of 60 suffer from potentially serious health issues such as cardiovascular diseases. Care facilities, however, have suitably qualified medical personnel and equipment to meet these challenges. Additionally, from a psychological perspective, residents' mental health is stimulated through living in a community where there is potential for positive camaraderie with like-minded individuals.

On the other hand, there are several drawbacks to elderly people living in nursing homes that affect both themselves and their family members. For instance, being apart from their immediate family, on a daily basis, can result in unpleasant emotions such as feelings of isolation and being undervalued as a family member. The expense of care homes, in addition, can impose a serious financial burden on the family. In my country, for example, a one-month's stay usually costs 3000 dollars with other charges excluded. Consequently, the majority of people on low incomes usually have no choice but to take care of elderly family members by themselves.

In conclusion, homes for the aged provide geriatric patients with professional medical services that potentially prolong their lives. The challenges, however, include feelings of abandonment amongst residents along with the unmanageable financial costs to their families.

262 words

Advantages & Disadvantages

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Many university students nowadays live away from their home and their parents because of their university location, while others live with their families. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each situation?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Today, college students either reside in their family home or live at the place where they study. This essay will discuss the pros and cons of both practices.

For students who continue to live at home during their time at university, the major positive is a sense of familiarity and security. Those who remain at home have the comfort of a familiar daily routine where their parents provide for them, and they do not have to stress over domestic chores such as laundry and cooking. However, the main disadvantage is the financial burden they can place on their family. If the student does not study on a scholarship or has part-time employment, the financial costs to parents of supporting their adult child can be considerable.

The main advantage for students choosing to find accommodation at their college is that it fosters a sense of independence. Students often relish the challenge of having the responsibility of managing their own lives, whether it is something as simple as cooking their own meals to budgeting their finances. On the other hand, the primary disadvantages are the social challenges that come with relocating away from home. For some students, it is often quite difficult to form new friendships, especially in an academic environment, and failure to do so can result in negative feelings such as isolation and loneliness.

In conclusion, students who live at home continue to enjoy their home comforts but can create serious financial problems for their parents. In contrast, students who reside at their college can become more independent; however, they may become socially isolated.

264 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

*Today children spend a lot of their free time watching TV.
Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages of this practice?*

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

Write at least 250 words.

In contemporary society youngsters spend a sizeable amount of their leisure time watching television. This essay will detail the reasons why the benefits and drawbacks are of equal importance.

For children, there are several advantages to watching television. To begin with, the educational content of certain programs can broaden their knowledge. TV channels such as National Geographic provide a variety of educationally rich content that enables youngsters to learn about other cultures and the natural world. Moreover, from the perspective of entertainment, television can help children relax, especially during periods of pressure at school such as the exam season. These relaxation periods are essential for pupils to reinvigorate themselves which, in turn, can energize them to approach their schoolwork with renewed motivation.

On the other hand, the downsides of excessive TV watching cannot be ignored. For instance, watching TV is a passive activity that can lead to a sedentary lifestyle that can have a negative impact on children's physical health. It has been proved that one of the factors contributing to the increasing number of obese children is a lack of physical exercise. Additionally, some TV shows may contain content that is inappropriate for minors, such as excessive violence or certain vices. Therefore, parental guidance through the monitoring of what children watch is important.

In conclusion, there are several positives such as the educational value and the relaxation time that watching TV can provide. However, the negatives should not be forgotten, which include unsuitable programs for youngsters and an inactive lifestyle.

251 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

While some people consider global warming to be the most pressing environmental problem, others believe that deforestation has a more devastating impact on our world.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion

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

Write at least 250 words

It is believed by some that global warming is the greatest threat to our environment, while others contend that deforestation is more destructive. This essay will elaborate on both these positions and explain why overpopulation is the primary cause of environmental issues.

It has been scientifically proven that the Earth's temperature has increased steadily over a relatively short period of time. Global warming has had an adverse effect on the world's climate with an increase in extreme weather conditions such as drought and flooding. Furthermore, the polar ice caps are shrinking, which has resulted in a rise in sea levels that threatens to engulf certain regions.

Deforestation, in addition, has accelerated with huge swathes of natural habitats destroyed. For instance, the Amazon rainforest has been reduced in size at a record rate over the previous decades. The effect on indigenous animals has been dire with many species pushed to the brink of extinction through the loss of their natural habitat.

The negative effects of both trends are significant; however, they are symptoms of the root problem which is overpopulation. The world's population now stands at approximately 8 billion and is projected to increase to 10 billion by 2050. This rise has placed increasing demands on the earth's natural resources and increased the levels of CO2 emissions to an extent that the rise in global temperatures is out of control.

In conclusion, global warming has contributed to life threatening weather conditions and the rise in sea levels, while deforestation has contributed to the extinction of several species. However, both are the result of the spectacular rise in the world's population to levels that have become unsustainable.

275 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people believe that it is the responsibility of supermarkets and manufactures to reduce the amount of packaging they use on products, while others are of the opinion that customers should avoid goods with excessive packaging.

Discuss both points of view and give your own opinion.

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

Write at least 250 words.

It is believed by some that retail outlets and producers should use as little packaging as possible, while others argue that consumers should boycott products that are excessively packaged. The essay will consider both these viewpoints while proposing that it is the responsibility of governments to combat this issue.

The amount of product packaging, particularly single-use plastics, has reached levels that pose a clear threat to our natural environment. Manufacturers and supermarkets are fully aware of the damage this type of packaging causes because of well-documented evidence. However, they continue to do very little to address this and take the cheapest, most convenient option of using materials that contribute to pollution to maximize their profits.

The influence of the consumer is very powerful, which is why some advocate the direct action of refusing to buy goods that have pollution-causing packaging. Customers can send a clear message to manufacturers that they will not contribute to pollution, which in turn will reduce company profit margins and force them to act. For instance, consumers can boycott products that are not clearly labeled with information about the packaging, such as 100% recyclable plastic.

Governments, through regulatory bodies, need to take immediate action to reduce the damage to the environment caused by too much packaging. Therefore, governments should impose penalties, such as an additional tax on companies that continue to use such practices. In addition, governments must introduce a complete ban on these harmful materials and fine all companies that violate it.

In conclusion, even though a consumer boycott can be effective in reducing the amount of packaging, it can be inconsistent, and manufacturers will always prioritize profits. Therefore, governments must introduce legislation to end the use of excessive and harmful packaging.

287 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people work for the same organization all their working life. Others think it is better to work for different employers.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

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

Write at least 250 words.

While many are in favor of the practice of dedicating their lives to a particular organization, others prefer to work for different ones. This essay will discuss both these beliefs and state the writer's opinion for why it is more advantageous to work for various companies.

For many employees, loyalty to a single company affords them the opportunity to become specialists who can gain valuable insights and expert knowledge in their particular vocation. This expertise, in turn, can provide the opportunity for career advancement. For instance, the CEO of a famous international bank started his career working as a bank teller. Because of his understanding of the industry, he worked his way up the corporate structure to the most senior position.

On the other hand, there are those who claim that it is more beneficial to work for a variety of organizations. The primary reason for this belief is the positive experience that can be gained by working in more challenging work environments, which have more progressive working practices. The ability of employees to be able to conform to alternative situations adds to the skills set, specifically flexibility and adaptability.

My own belief is that it is more beneficial for employees to work for a variety of companies, specifically when it pertains to professional development. Overcoming fresh challenges, presented in a different workplace, are essential for professional growth. In addition, changing organizations prevents feelings of monotony, which can have a negative impact on motivation and job satisfaction.

In conclusion, although employment with the same organization for a long period can provide the opportunity for specialization and possible promotion, it is my contention that working for a variety of companies increases an employee's skills.

283 words

Causes and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

In some countries, the average weight of people is increasing, and their health and fitness are suffering.

What do you think are the causes of this and what measures could be taken to solve them?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Obesity, in recent years, has become prevalent in certain nations which has resulted in a decline in the levels of well-being. This essay will discuss reasons for this phenomenon along with proposing some measures that can be implemented to reverse this trend.

The major reasons for weight gain, in my estimation, are an imbalanced diet along with a sedentary lifestyle. People nowadays have a preference for convenience food because they either do not have sufficient time to prepare a healthy meal or they are probably ignorant of the negative effects these fast foods have on their health. An additional factor is the idle lifestyle many citizens live as a result of the changes in working practices. Jobs that were once done entirely by humans have become increasingly automated, especially in the industrial sector, while employees in other fields spend an inordinate amount of time in front of computer screens.

Education can be the key to stemming this unhealthy trend. Throughout the education system, children need to be taught the importance of a healthy, balanced diet in a curriculum that also values and practices physical education. Moreover, citizens could be encouraged, through government health-awareness programs, to do more physical exercise. Having their awareness raised on the ill-effects of weight gain and the numerous benefits of maintaining fitness, people can be incentivized to make positive lifestyle adjustments.

In conclusion, an unhealthy diet and lack of exercise have resulted in obesity amongst people. Governments, therefore, should take responsibility for educating their citizens to be more responsible for their weight levels and physical fitness.

260 words

Causes and Effects

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

An increasing number of professional, such as teachers and doctors, are leaving their own poorer countries to work in developed countries.

What are the reasons for this trend? What effect does it have on the countries professionals are leaving?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Nowadays, professionals from developing countries have a tendency to emigrate to richer countries to find employment. This essay will discuss both the causes of this phenomenon and the issues that affect the nations they are leaving.

The primary reasons skilled employees from emerging nations seek work in more developed countries are a higher standard of living along with professional development. For instance, the average monthly salary for a white-collar worker, such as a teacher, in a developing country pales in comparison to their counterparts in so-called first world nations even though they perform identical duties and responsibilities. Additionally, outdated facilities and equipment in poor states hamper the ability of professionals such as doctors to practice contemporary medicine and improve their skills.

The effect this trend has on developing countries is invariably negative, particularly with regards to the nation's social and economic development. According to Scientific American magazine, every year, more than 4,000 foreign graduates of international medical schools come to the United States for a residency program and very few return home to take up employment in their native countries. This brain drain denies countries the talents of their brightest and best and limits a country's ability to progress as they are continuously faced with the challenge of retaining the most able professionals.

In conclusion, a comfortable material lifestyle coupled with the opportunity to advance one's career are the main reasons why professionals migrate to richer countries. The countries they leave behind struggle to find suitably qualified replacements and thus suffer from social and economic stagnation.

256 words

Multiple Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

The internet is a valuable source of information and has given people the opportunity to gain knowledge.

Is all information on the internet reliable?

What can be done to control information online?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Since its inception, the internet has grown to become a source of important information for many. This essay will discuss whether online information is largely accurate and measures that can be taken to ensure untrustworthy content can be controlled.

These days, almost anyone can open a website and upload any content they choose without formal regulations. Therefore, the result has been the creation of sites that contain information that has not been verified and quite often promote personal social and political agendas. For instance, the development of a vaccine for Covid-19 has witnessed a surge in sites that attempt to discredit the vaccines with no scientific data or research to justify their beliefs. Consequently, the attempts to control and cure this deadly virus have been hampered by the spread of disinformation.

Several countries have existing laws which prohibit sites that incite hatred or prejudice against sections of society, but these laws should be extended to prevent the spread of false information online. For example, governments should legally require that all sites have their facts independently verified by an impartial body and those who do not fulfil this requirement can have their site banned. Fines or imprisonment could be imposed on the perpetrators to deter others from committing the same offense. Alternatively, content warnings could be displayed on sites to inform the public that the information has not been verified and cannot be trusted.

In conclusion, because of the lack of control of what can be published online, many sites contain misinformation. It is governments' responsibility to ensure the public is protected from such malpractice and adopt appropriate measures to prevent it.

273 words

Positive or Negative Development

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

The development of technology has resulted in more employees working from home.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

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

Write at least 250 words.

The advances in technology have provided a lot of workers with the option of doing their jobs remotely rather than in a traditional workplace. This essay will discuss the reasons why this trend has equal positive and negative effects.

The main benefit of remote working is the flexibility it affords the employee in terms of working hours. Traditionally, work hours are fixed, usually from 9 to 5, which means employees are severely restricted in the time they can devote to essential non-work activities. For instance, if an employee needs to have medical treatment such as dental work, they invariably can only schedule it during work time. Consequently, it is at the discretion of the employer whether they can leave the workplace and if their salary will be deducted during this time. Working from home, however, means that workers can schedule time for non-work activities as they do not have to adhere to rigid working hours.

The major drawbacks of working from home are domestic distractions and the absence of camaraderie. Employees who have young families, for example, often get distracted by the demands of taking care of their children, and even though they employ babysitters and have family members to assist them, they cannot stop themselves from getting involved. Additionally, research amongst office workers who work remotely has identified isolation from colleagues as their greatest challenge. These workers miss the human contact and the friendly office atmosphere where they can bond with their co-workers.

To conclude, the major upside of working from one's own home is the flexible hours, whereas the downsides include feelings of isolation and the challenge of keeping focused on work because of their domestic environment.

279 words

Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Nowadays, more people are choosing to socialize online rather than face-to-face. Why is this happening? Is this a positive or negative development?

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

Write at least 250 words.

An increasing number of people are meeting and interacting with friends and family via social media sites rather than in person. This essay will discuss the reason for this trend along with the writer's explanation as to why this is a positive phenomenon.

The main explanation for this trend, in my estimation, is the changes in our lifestyle brought about by the increased demands of the workplace. Research has shown that employees are working a lot more hours these days; however, keeping in touch with their loved ones has never been easier because of the advances in the development of technology. A case in point is my flat mate's experience. Because of her comparatively high workload, scheduling time for in-person socializing is very challenging. Rather than lose touch, however, she finds it convenient to use technology to maintain relationships.

In spite of the risks of becoming a victim of criminal practice, such as fraud, I believe that communicating online has been a positive enhancement to our daily lives primarily because of the convenience it affords busy people. Before the development of the internet and social media, the length of time between contacting others could be considerable and, in some cases, could result in losing touch permanently. It is no longer necessary to invest time and effort in letter writing, for instance, that can be a burden for those who lead a hectic life.

In conclusion, people have increasingly resorted to interacting through technology because of their busy lifestyle. As a result, this practice has revolutionized the way we socialize and, in my view, has had a positive impact on society.

270 words

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