

WRITING TESTS

IELTS Writing module lasts 60 minutes and has 2 tasks, Task 1 & Task 2, which must BOTH be completed daily.

In Writing task 1, you're asked to describe a graph, chart or diagram.

In Writing task 2, you have to write an essay on a given topic.

Nº	Task	Words minimum	Recommended time
Task 1	Describe a graph, table, chart or diagram	150 words	20 minutes
Task 2	Write an essay giving your opinion and justifying it	250 words	40 minutes

Total time: **1 Hour**

TEST 1

TASK 1:

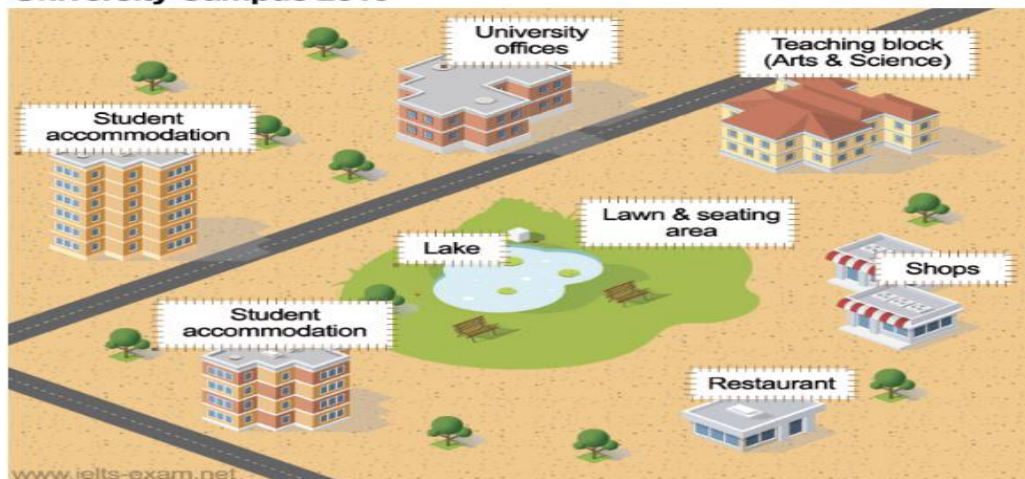
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The maps show improvements that have been made to a university campus between 2010 and the present day.

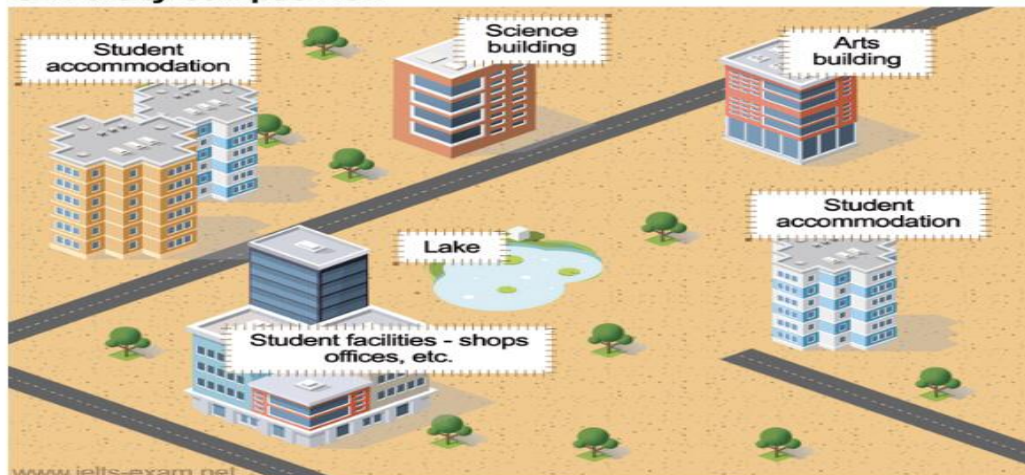
Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

University Campus 2010



University Campus Now



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many people believe that zoos have no purpose in today's world and should be closed. What problems do zoos bring?

What are the alternatives to zoos if they are closed?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 2

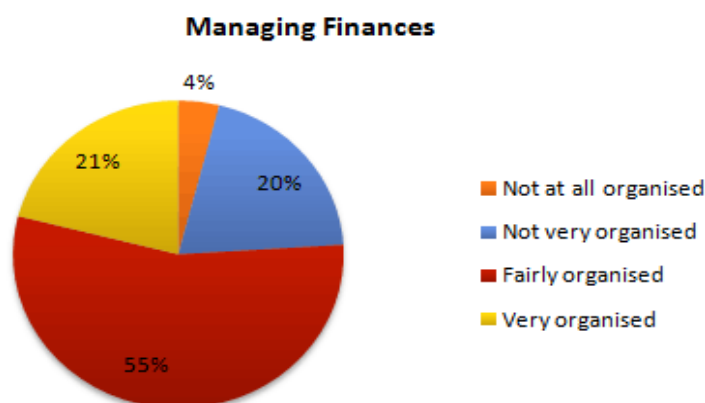
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below show UK students' responses to the question of to what extent would they describe themselves as financially organised.

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

Write at least 150 words.



	Very organised %
All students	21
Age up to 22 years	18
Age 23-25 years	26
Age over 26 years	35

TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some car manufacturing companies have stated that there is a possibility that we will see flying cars in the future.

Why is this going to happen?

Will it be a positive or negative development?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 3

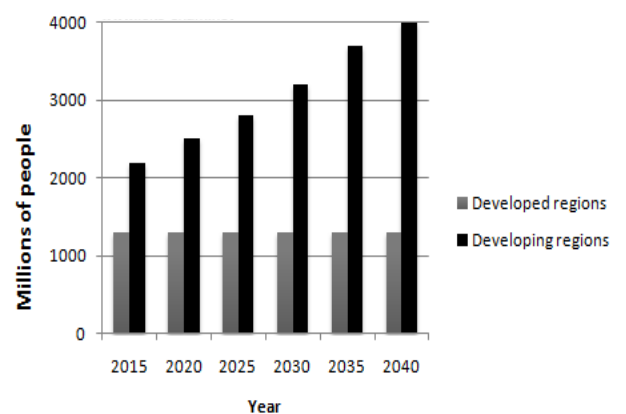
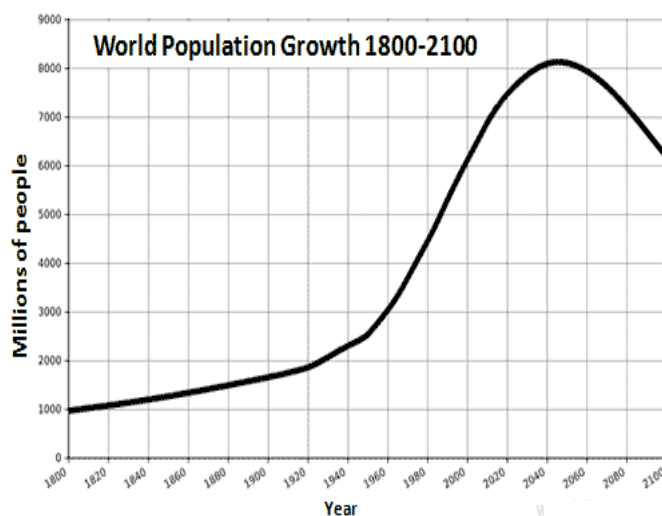
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graphs below provide information on global population figures and figures for urban populations in different world regions.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

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

Increasing the price of petrol is the best way to solve growing traffic and pollution problems.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

What other measures do you think might be effective?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 4

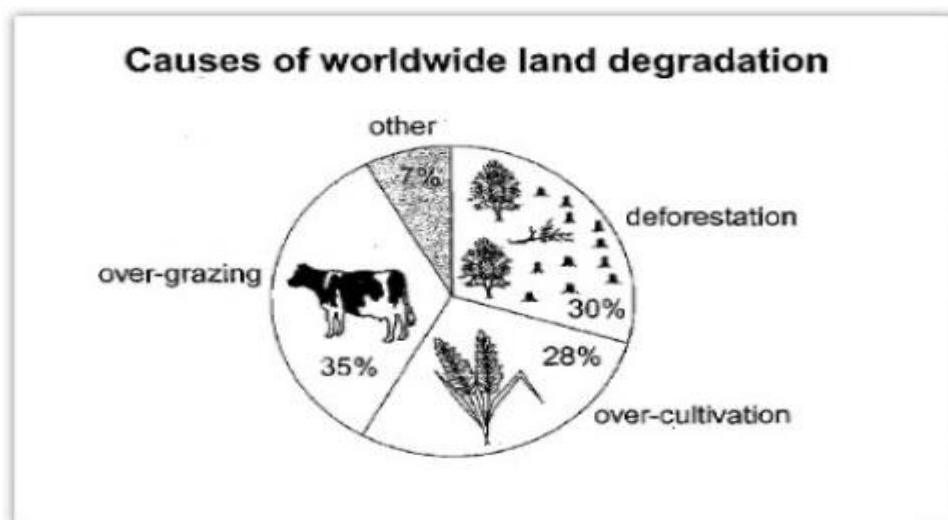
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The pie chart below shows the main reasons why agricultural land becomes less productive. The table shows how these causes affected three regions of the world during the 1990s.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Cause of land degradation by region

Region	% land degraded by			
	deforestation	Over-cultivation	Over-grazing	Total land degraded
North America	0.2	3.3	1.5	5%
Europe	9.8	7.7	5.5	23%
Oceania *	1.7	0	11.3	13%

*A large group of islands in the South Pacific including Australian and New Zealand

TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Question

Many employers are now offering their employees the option to work from home. As a result, employees will have much more flexible working hours in the future.

Is this a positive or negative development?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 5

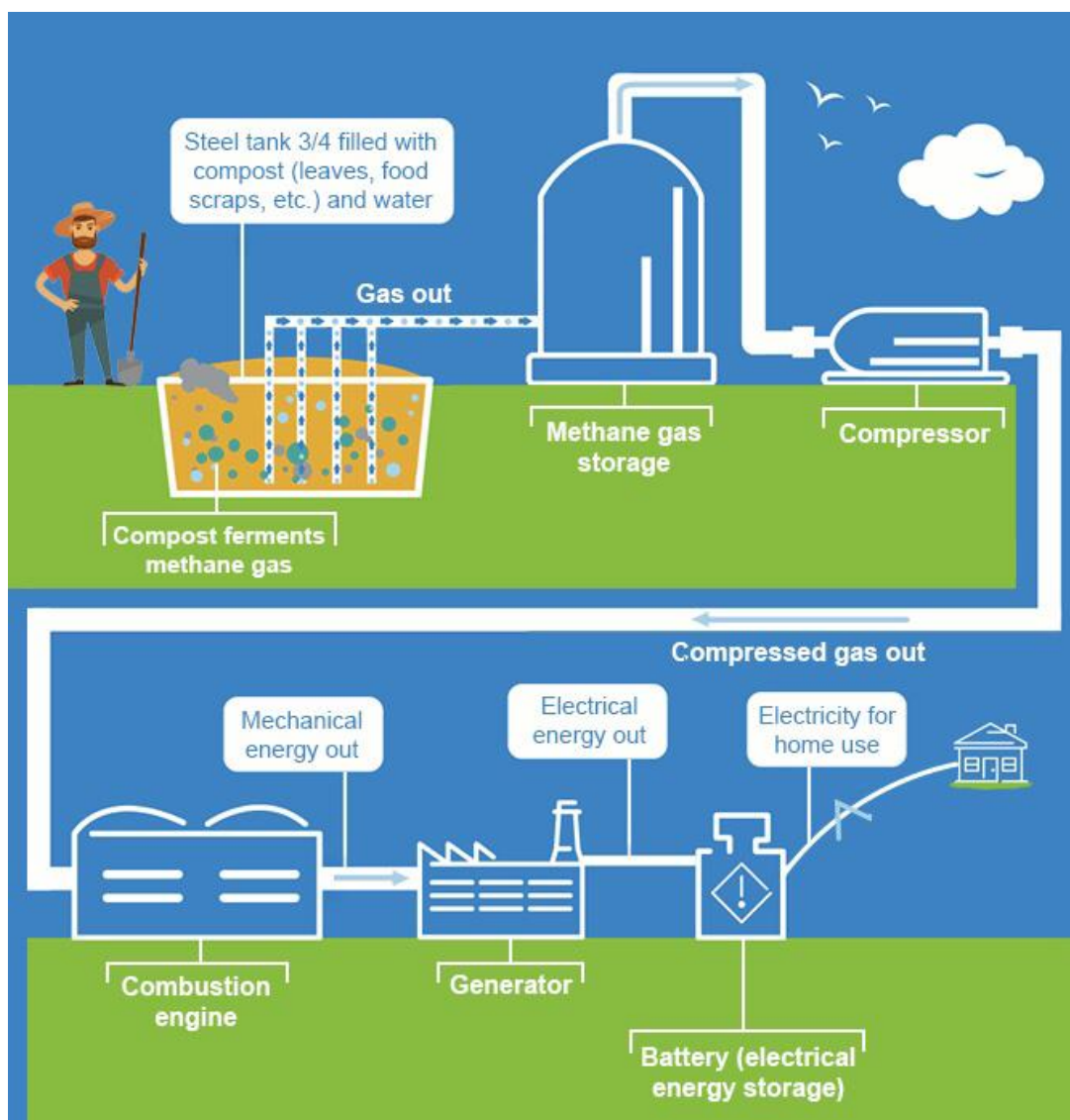
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows a possible future means of home energy production.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

We are becoming increasingly dependent on computer-based technology.

How do you think it will change in the future?

Is it good for us to rely so much on computers?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 6

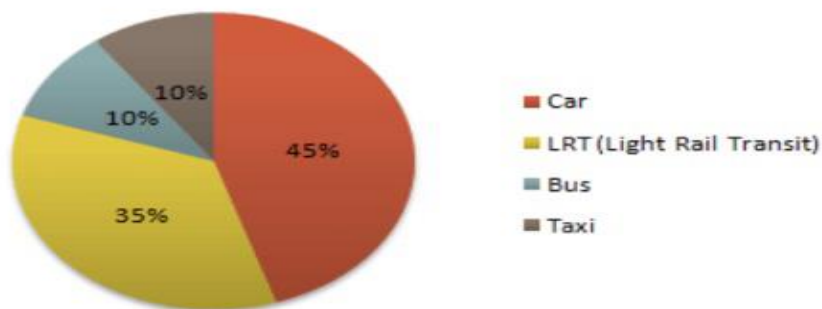
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below give information on transport and car use in Edmonton.

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

Write at least 150 words.



People's reasons for using the car in city

Commute to work	55%
Shopping	15%
Leisure activities	15%
Taking children to school	40%
Business	45%

TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people believe that there should be fixed punishments for each type of crime. Others, however, argue that the circumstances of an individual crime, and the motivation for committing it, should always be taken into account when deciding on the punishment.

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.

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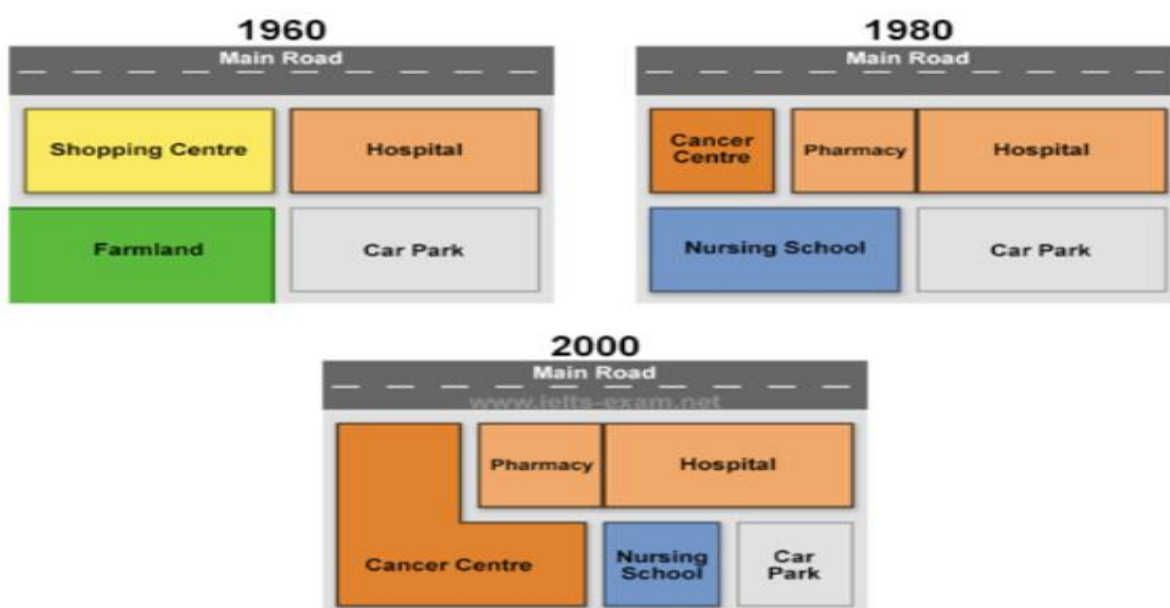
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The maps below show the changes that have taken place at Queen Mary Hospital since its construction in 1960.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people feel that certain workers like nurses, doctors and teachers are undervalued and should be paid more, especially when other people like film actors or company bosses are paid huge sums of money that are out of proportion to the importance of the work that they do.

- ***How far do you agree?***
- ***What criteria should be used to decide how much people are paid?***

You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 8

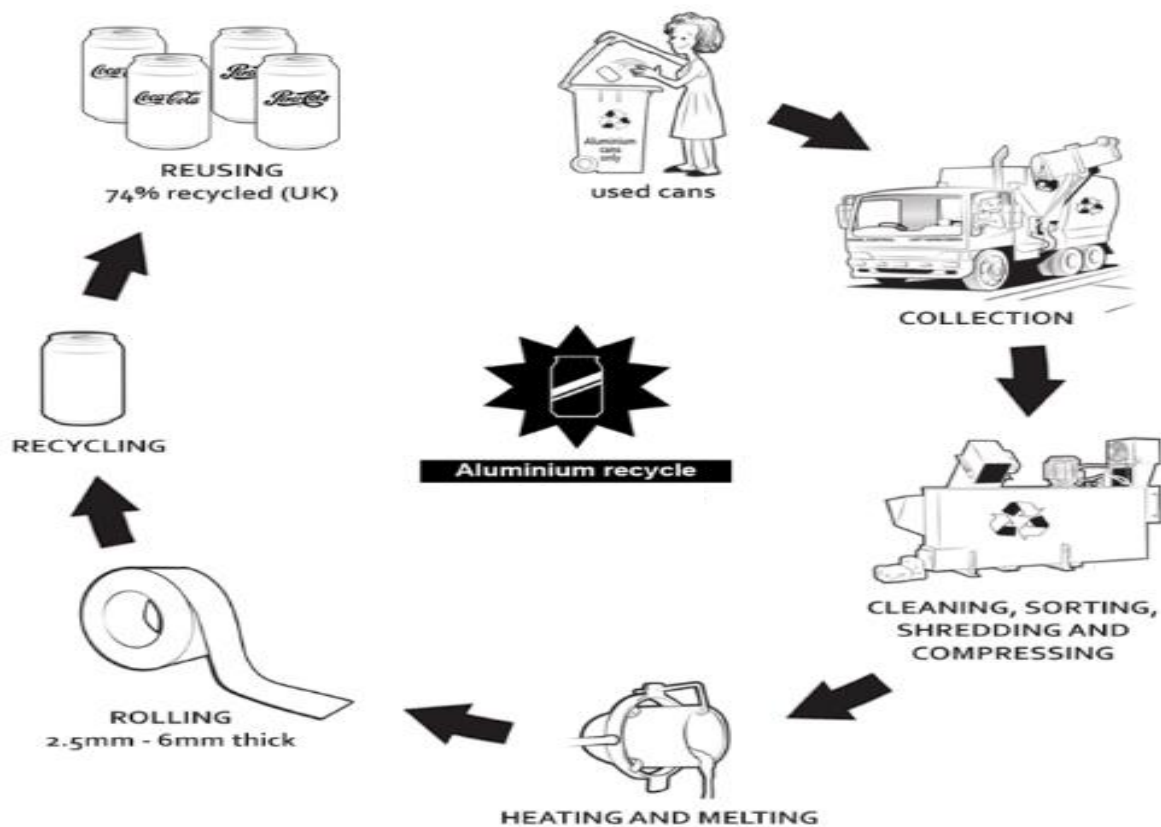
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the recycling process of aluminium cans.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people think that universities should provide graduates with the knowledge and skills needed in the workplace in the future. Others think the true function of a university is to provide access to knowledge for its own sake.

What do you think are the main functions of a university?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 9

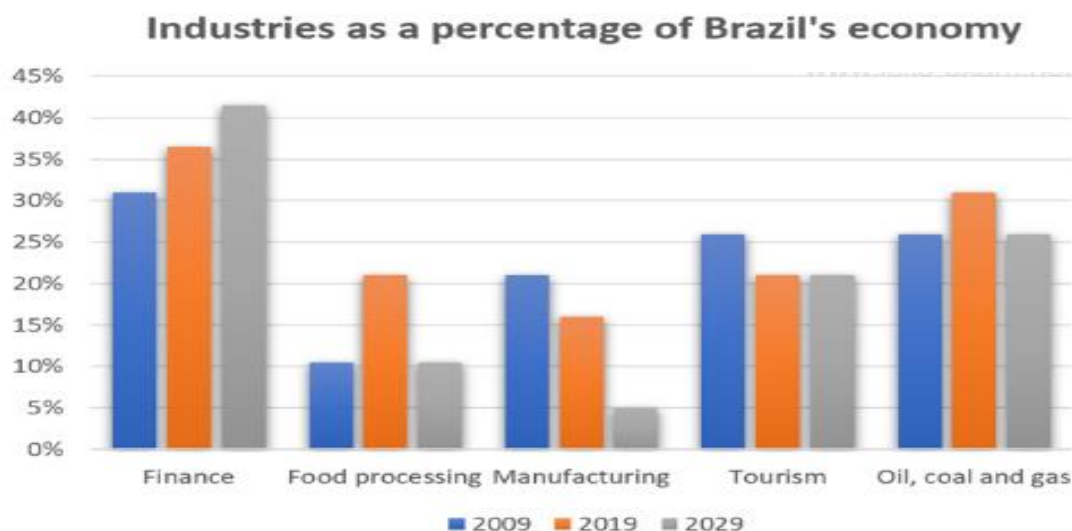
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The bar chart below illustrates five different industries' percentage share of Brazil's economy in 2009 and 2019 with a forecast for 2029.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many people believe that modern music can have a negative impact on the young. Others believe the effect of modern music is positive.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 10

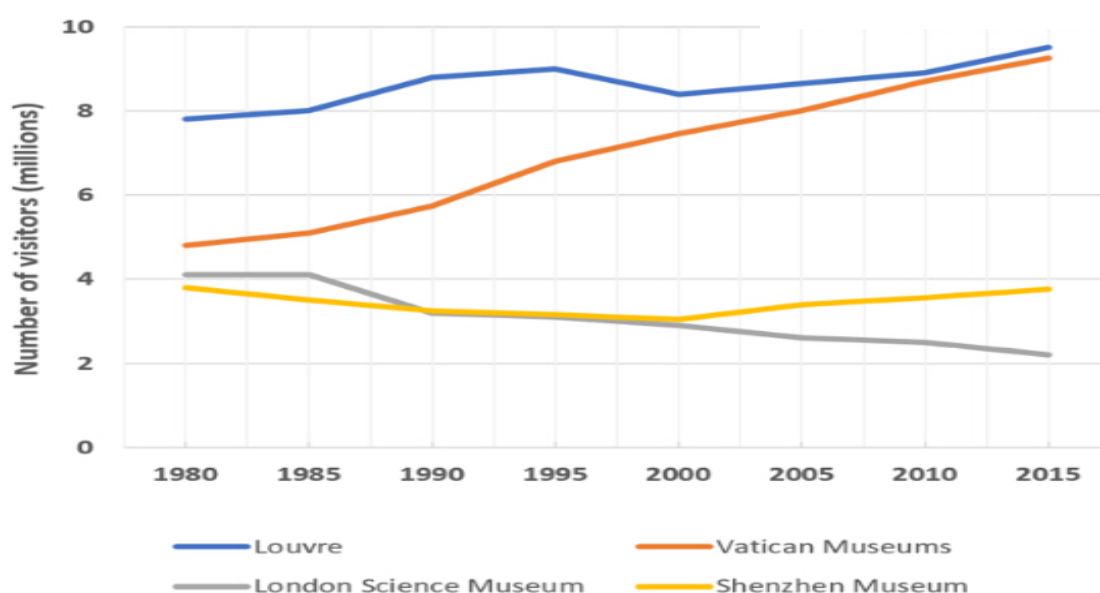
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph shows the number of visitors to four international museums between 1980 and 2015.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Computers are becoming an essential part of school lessons.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages 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.

TEST 11

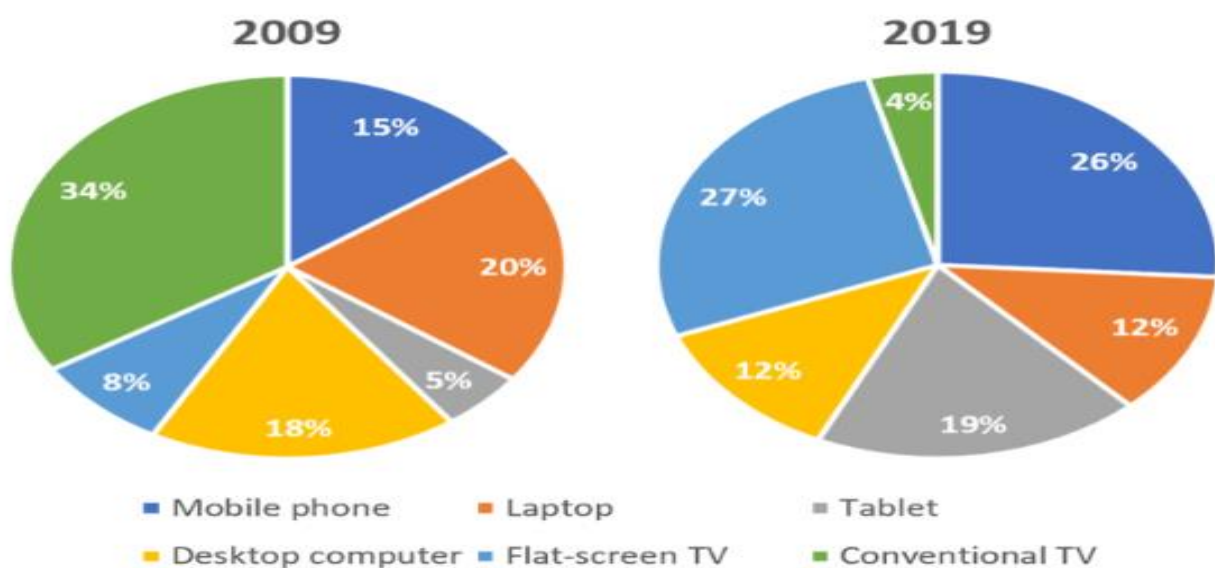
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The pie charts below show the devices people in the 18 to 25 age group use to watch television in Canada in two different years.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people believe that violence on television and in computer games has a damaging effect on the society. Others deny that these factors have any significant influence on people's behaviour.

What is your opinion?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 12

TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows the percentage participation of women in senior management in three companies between 1975 and 2015.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Percentage participation of women in senior management positions

	Eldan Ltd	Bamforth Ltd	Finsbury Ltd
1975	3%	9%	16%
1980	3%	11%	14%
1985	14%	13%	15%
1990	28%	15%	22%
2000	33%	17%	20%
2015	64%	46%	26%

TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

People who cause their own illnesses through unhealthy lifestyles and poor diets should have to pay more for health care.

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

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 13

TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows the results of a survey that asked 6800 Scottish adults (aged 16 years and over) whether they had taken part in different cultural activities in the past 12 months.

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

Write at least 150 words

Participation in cultural activities, by age

	16-24	25-44	45-74	<i>All aged 16 and over</i>
	%	%	%	%
Any performance*	35	22	17	22
Undertaking any crafts	11	17	22	19
Cultural purchases	11	17	18	16
Any visual arts	30	16	11	15
Any writing	17	6	5	7
Computer based	10	9	5	6

* Dancing, singing, playing musical instruments and acting

TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many students choose to take a gap year before starting university, to travel or gain work experience.

Do you think this is a good idea or a waste of time?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 14

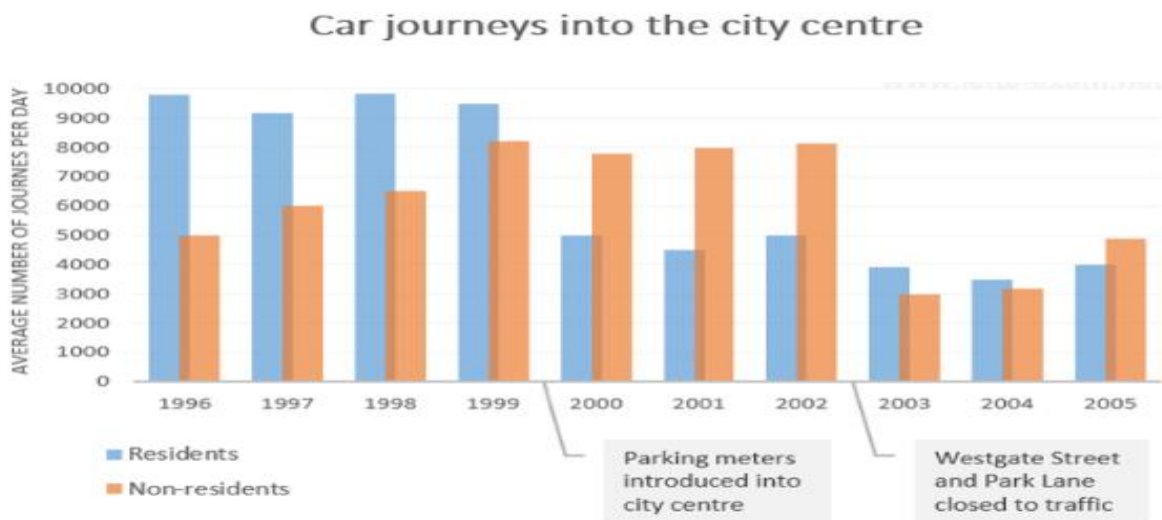
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The bar chart gives information about the number of car journeys into the city centre made by residents and non-residents.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In the past, shopping was a routine domestic task. Many people nowadays regard it as a hobby.

To what extent do you think this is a positive trend?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 15

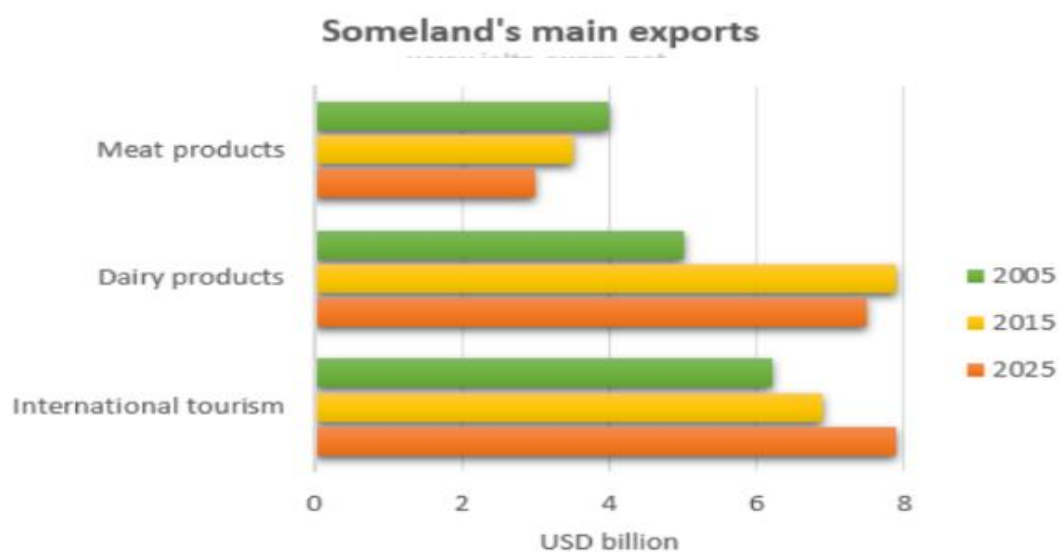
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below gives information about Someland's main exports in 2005, 2015, and future projections for 2025.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Social media is becoming increasingly popular amongst all age groups. However, sharing personal information on social media websites does have risks.

Do you think that the advantages of social media outweigh the disadvantages?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 16

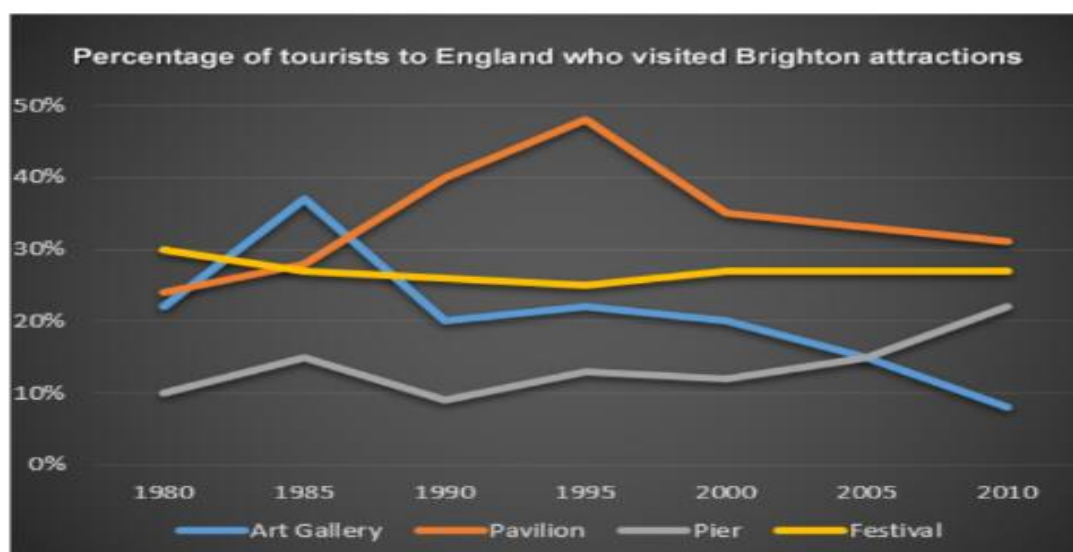
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The line graph below shows the percentage of tourists to England who visited four different attractions in Brighton.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Motorways help people travel quickly and cover long distances but they also cause problems. What are the problems of motorways and what solutions are there?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 17

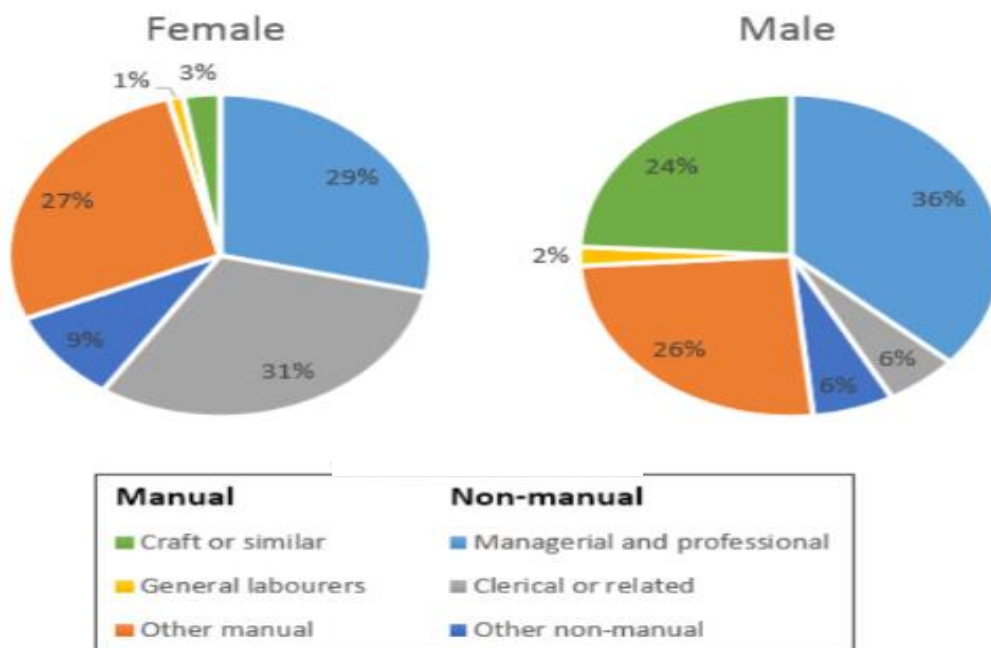
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The two pie charts below show some employment patterns in Great Britain in 1992.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many people believe that media coverage of celebrities is having a negative effect on children.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 18

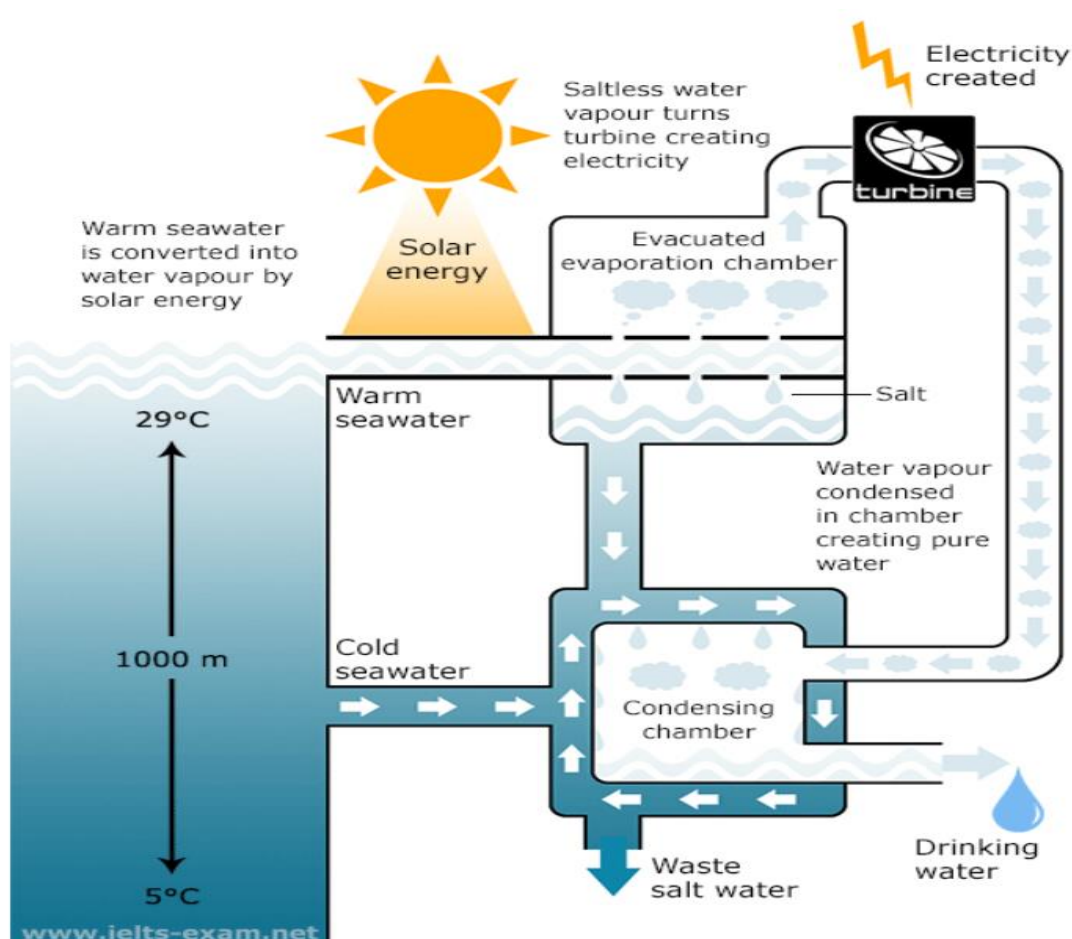
TASK 1:

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the production of electricity using a system called Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion.

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

Write at least 150 words.



How Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) works

TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

It is becoming more and more difficult to escape the influence of the media on our lives.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living in a media rich society.

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 19

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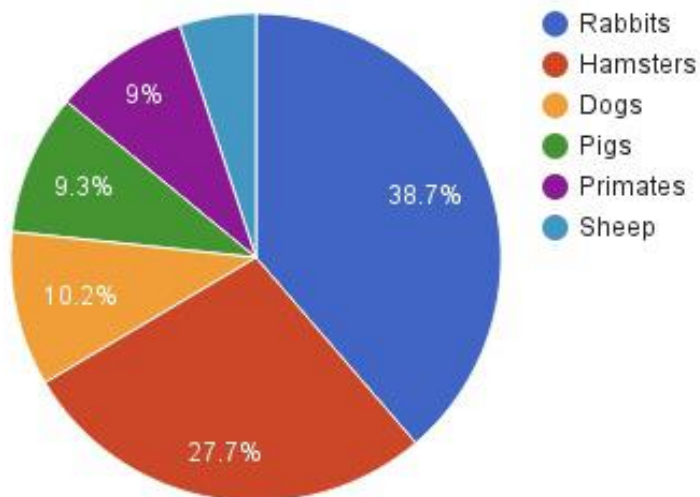
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below gives information about species used for animal testing in the U.S.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Species Used for Animal Testing in U.S.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people want the government to spend more money for looking life on other planets; however, others think it a waste of public money when there are so many problems on earth that the government should be solving.

Discuss both views and give your opinion

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 20

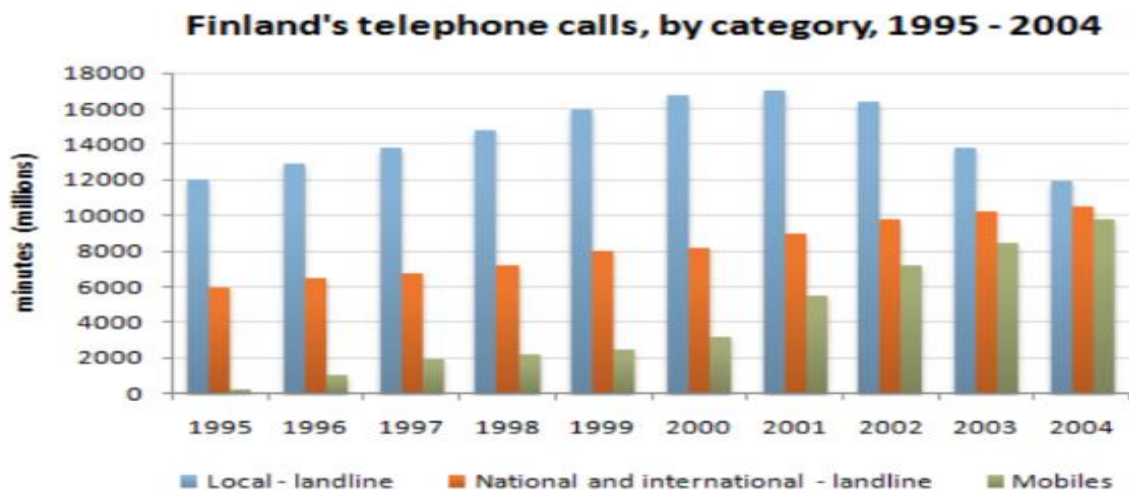
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the total number of minutes (in millions) of telephone calls in Finland, divided into three categories, from 1995 – 2004.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Children over 15 years should be allowed to take their own decision without any interference from their parents.

Do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 21

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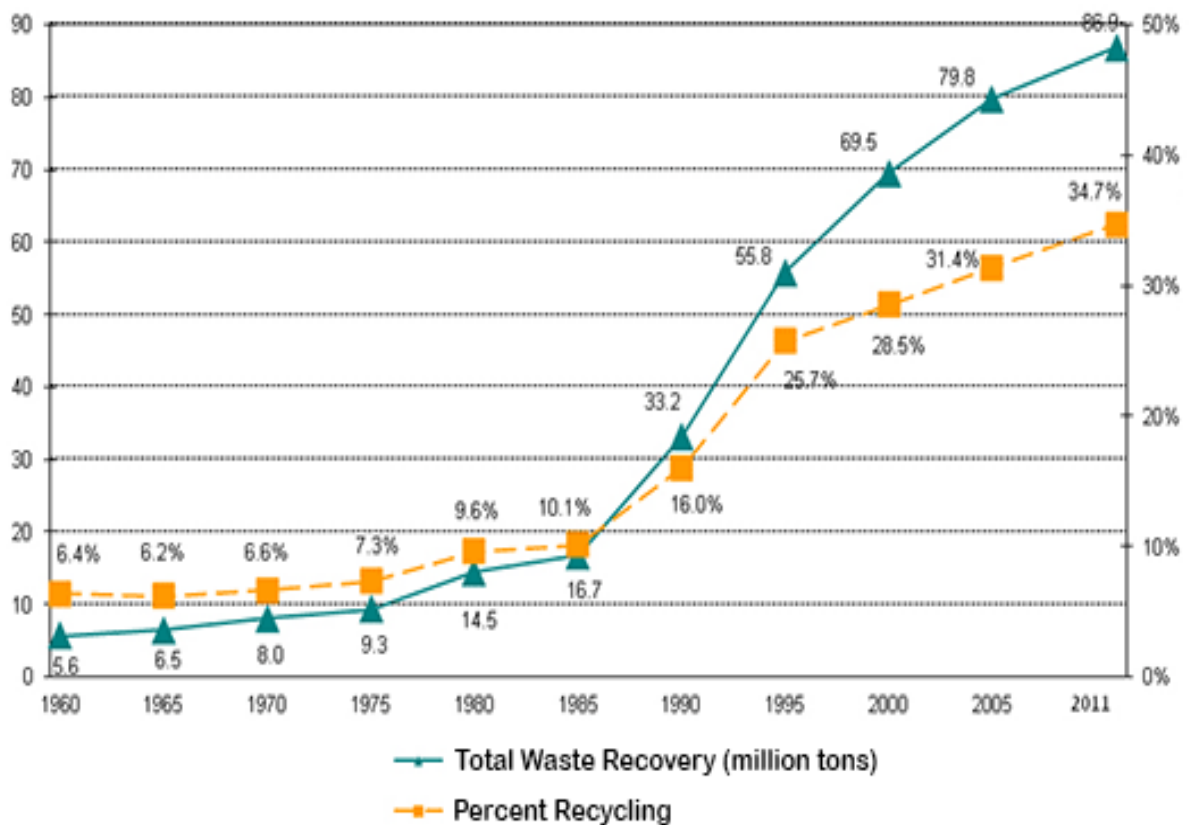
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows waste recycling rates in the U.S. from 1960 to 2011.

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

Write at least 150 words.

National Recycling Rates, 1960 to 2011



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

As countries become more developed, many fast food outlets move into the country giving local people greater access to fast food.

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 22

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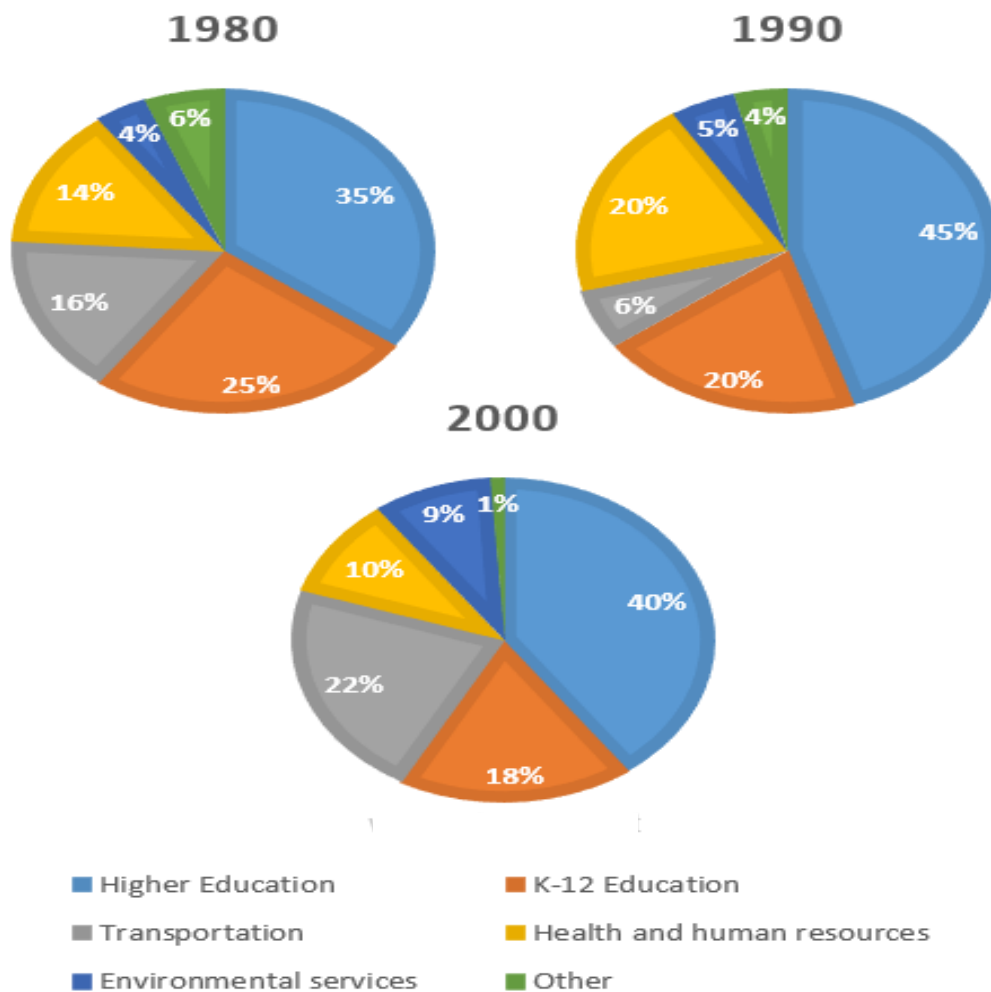
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The three pie charts below show the changes in annual spending by local authorities in Someland in 1980, 1990 and 2000.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Expenditure by local authorities in Someland



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

As most people spend a major part of their adult life at work, job satisfaction is an important element of individual well-being.

What factors contribute to job satisfaction?

How realistic is the expectation of job satisfaction for all workers?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 23

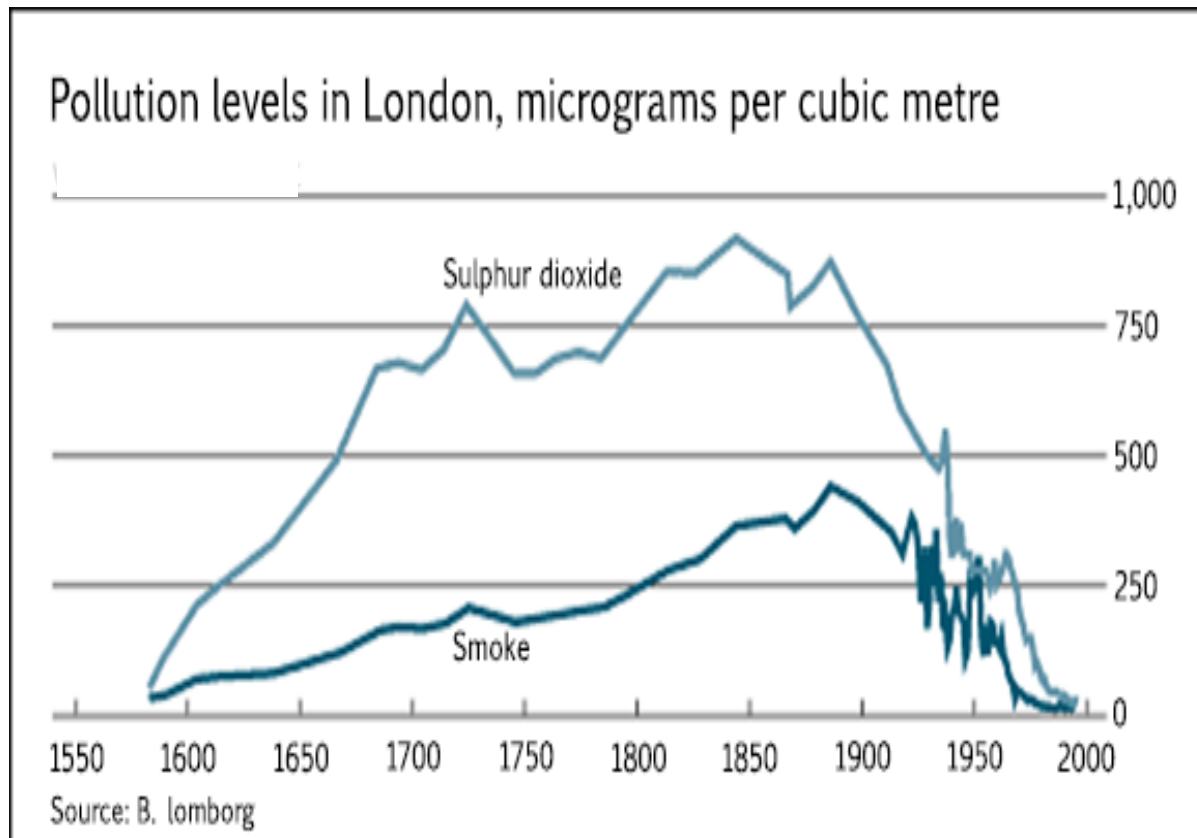
TASK 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows the pollution levels in London between 1600 and 2000.

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

Write at least 150 words.



TASK 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some experts believe that it is better for children to begin learning a foreign language at primary school rather than secondary school.

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

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

Write at least 250 words.