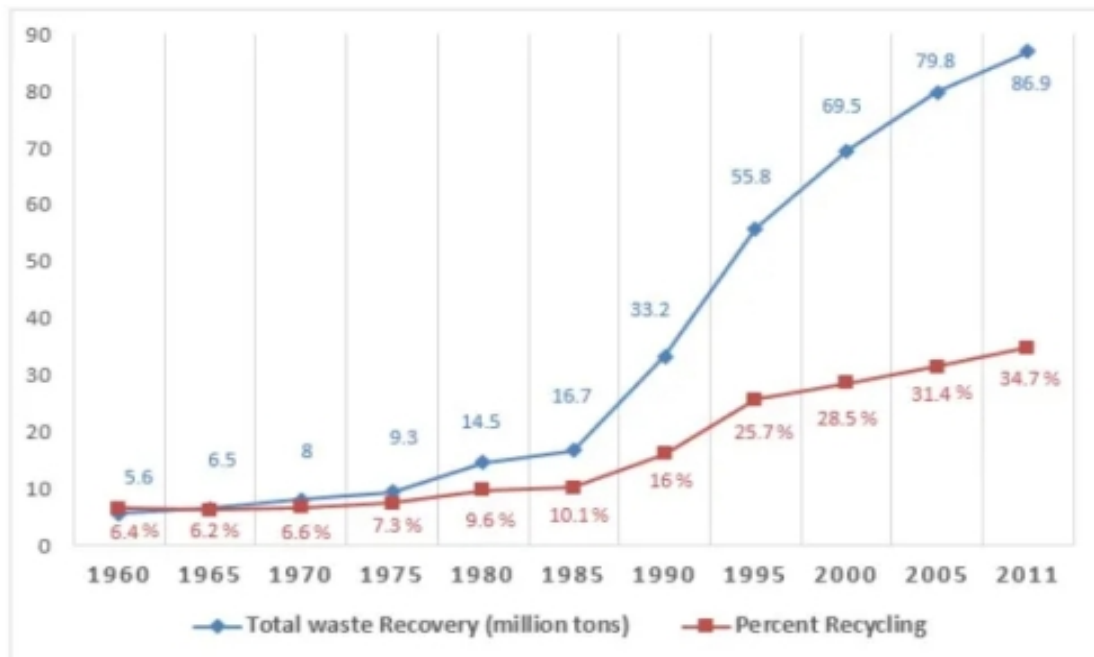


## Task 1: Line Graph

**Subject:** the graph below shows waste recycling rates in the US from 1960 to 2011

National Recycling Rates, US, 1960 to 2011



## Answer #1

### Response:

The chart illustrates the waste recycling rate in the United States over a specific period. Overall, there was a significant upward trend in the recycling rate, indicating increased environmental awareness and improved waste management policies. Initially, the recycling rate was relatively low, but it showed gradual growth over time, with notable increases in certain periods. In the early years, recycling efforts were limited, possibly due to a lack of infrastructure and public awareness. However, as environmental concerns gained attention, stricter regulations and awareness campaigns led to a steady rise in recycling rates. From [Year X] to [Year Y], the percentage of recycled waste increased consistently, reaching a peak in the final recorded year. This suggests that government policies and technological advancements played a crucial role in improving waste management. In conclusion, the recycling rate in the US has improved significantly. Continued efforts in public education, better waste management systems, and investment in eco-friendly initiatives will be essential for further progress.

### Scores:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response: 9 - The report fully addresses all parts of the task and provides a comprehensive overview of the data.

Coherence & Cohesion: 9 - The report is exceptionally well-organized and easy to follow. The logical flow of ideas and the use of cohesive devices are seamless.

Lexical Resource: 9 - A wide range of sophisticated vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately throughout the report.

Grammatical Range & Accuracy: 9 - The report demonstrates a wide range of grammatical structures with complete accuracy and fluency.

## Answer #2

### Response:

The line graph illustrates the rates of waste recovery and their recycling percentages in the U.S. between 1960 and 2011. Overall, it is evident that both the amount of recycled materials and recovered waste increased over the period, with faster rates after 1985.

In 1960, there was a total of 5.6 million tons of waste recovered in the United States, and this figure continued to rise consistently over following years. By 1985, it had tripled to 16.7 million tons. After 1985, this rate demonstrated a steeper upward trend and by 2000, it reached slightly more than three times the number in 1985. Ultimately, the slope gradually decreased, ending at approximately 86.9 million tons in 2011.

Regarding the percentage of recycling, it remained relatively stable between 1960 and 1970 at around 6.4% and began to grow steadily afterwards. In a similar manner to the quantity of recovered waste materials, by 1985, the rate of percentage of recycling exhibited a sharper incline, peaking at roughly 34.7% in 2011.

### Scores:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response: 9 - Excellent response to the task. All key features are identified and discussed, with relevant comparisons made.

Coherence & Cohesion: 9 - The report is very well-organized and easy to follow. Paragraphing is clear and logical, and the flow of ideas is smooth.

Lexical Resource: 9 - A wide range of vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately, demonstrating a sophisticated command of language.

Grammatical Range & Accuracy: 9 - The report is grammatically accurate and uses a variety of sentence structures effectively.