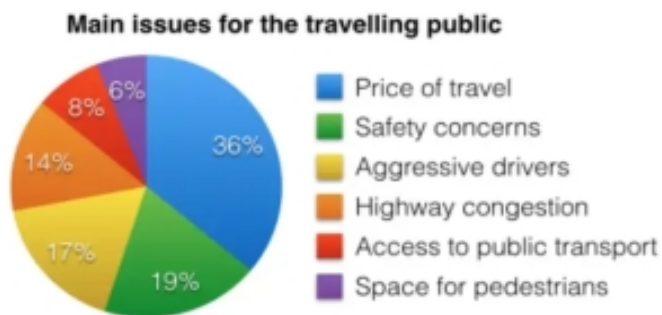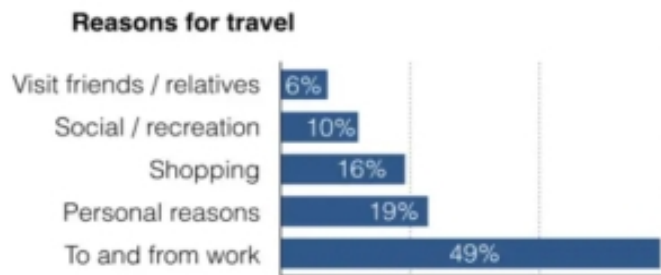# Task 1: Multiple Graphs

Subject: The charts below show reasons for travel and the main issues for the travelling public in the US in 2009.

Reasons for travel

Visit friends / relatives	6%
Social / recreation	10%
Shopping	16%
Personal reasons	19%
To and from work	49%

Main issues for the travelling public

- Price of travel — 36%
- Safety concerns — 19%
- Aggressive drivers — 17%
- Highway congestion — 14%
- Access to public transport — 8%
- Space for pedestrians — 6%

Answer #1

Response:

The bar chart and pie chart give information about why US residents travelled and what travel problems they experienced in the year 2009.

It is clear that the principal reason why Americans travelled in 2009 was to commute to and from work. In the same year, the primary concern of Americans, with regard to the trips they made, was the cost of travelling.

Looking more closely at the bar chart, we can see that 49% of the trips made by Americans in 2009 were for the purpose of commuting. By contrast, only 6% of trips were visits to friends or relatives, and one in ten trips were for social or recreation reasons. Shopping was cited as the reason for 16% of all travel, while unspecific 'personal reasons' accounted for the remaining 19%.

According to the pie chart, price was the key consideration for 36% of American travellers. Almost one in five people cited safety as their foremost travel concern, while aggressive driving and highway congestion were the main issues for 17% and 14% of the travelling public. Finally, a total of 14% of those surveyed thought that access to public transport or space for pedestrians were the most important travel issues.

Scores:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response: 9 - Excellent response to the task. All key features of the charts are accurately described and compared.

Coherence & Cohesion: 9 - The report is exceptionally well-organized and easy to follow. The flow of information is natural and logical.

Lexical Resource: 9 - A wide range of sophisticated vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately. The language is precise and effective.

Grammatical Range & Accuracy: 9 - The grammar is flawless. A wide range of grammatical structures is used with complete accuracy and fluency.