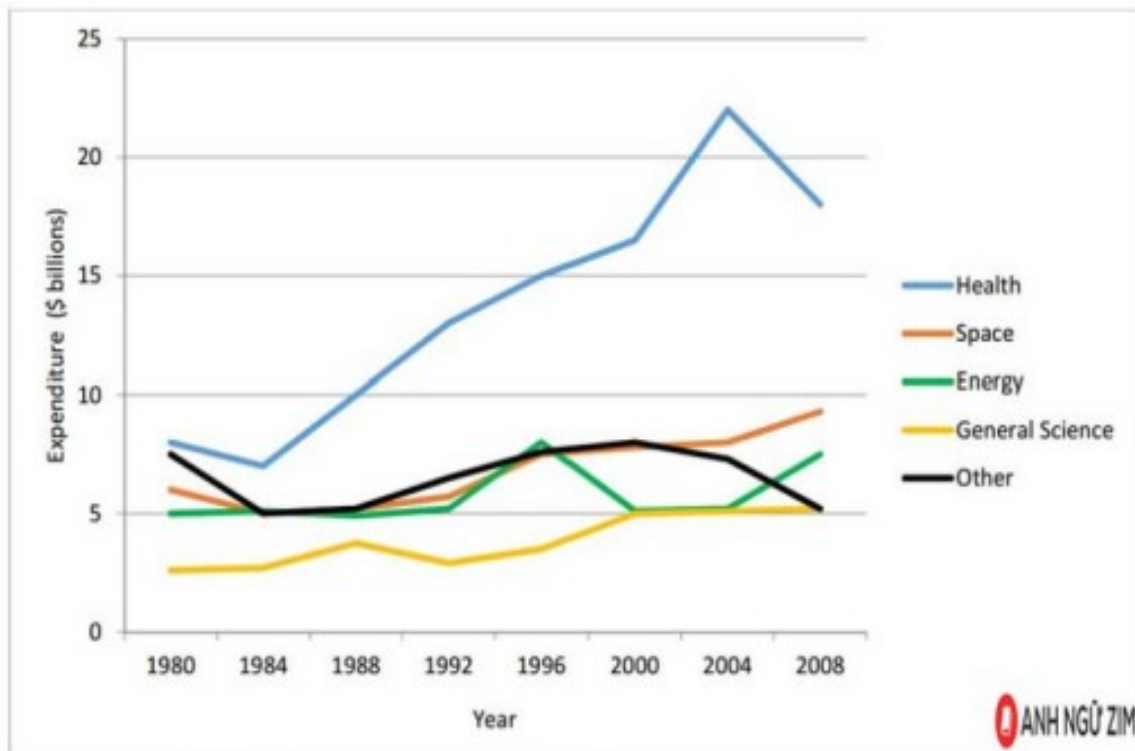


## Task 1: Line Graph

**Subject:** The graph below gives information about U.S. government spending on research between 1980 and 2008.



## Model Answer #1

### Response:

The line graph provided delineates the U.S. government's expenditure on five major research categories from 1980 to 2008.

Overall, it is evident that health research consistently received the most significant funding, whereas general science attracted the least investment over the 28-year span. Notably, expenditure trends varied across categories, with significant fluctuations observed in energy and other expenditures.

Beginning with health research, the expenditure experienced a steady ascent from approximately \$5 billion in 1980 to about \$23 billion by 2008, despite a slight dip to around \$18 billion in 2004. Conversely, spending on space research exhibited notable fluctuations, oscillating between \$15 billion and \$20 billion throughout the period, ultimately concluding at nearly \$10 billion in 2008. General science funding, while remaining the lowest overall, saw a gradual increase from \$5 billion at the beginning to approximately \$7 billion in the closing years of the period.

In contrast, energy expenditure displayed significant volatility: starting at \$10 billion in 1980, it experienced a decline to about \$5 billion by 1992, followed by a peak of \$8 billion in 1996, before ultimately settling at approximately \$7 billion in 2008. The 'other categories' of research also demonstrated fluctuating patterns, beginning at around \$7 billion in 1980, descending to \$5 billion in 1984, and then experiencing slight increases and decreases until reaching a similar \$5 billion level in 2008.

### Evaluation:

#### Overall Band Score: 9

**Task Response (9):** Excellent response to the task. All key features are accurately described

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

**Lexical Resource (8.5):** A wide range of sophisticated vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately

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

## Model Answer #2

### Response:

The line graph illustrates the U.S. government's financial allocations toward various research sectors over a span of 28 years, from 1980 to 2008.

Overall, it is clear that health research received the most significant increase in funding, while expenditures on space and energy exhibited more stable patterns.

Focusing on health-related research, funding experienced a notable upward trend, starting at approximately \$5 billion in 1980 and escalating to about \$23 billion by 2008. This consistent growth highlights the increased emphasis the government placed on health research during this period.

In contrast, expenditure on space research displayed fluctuations, varying between \$15 billion and \$20 billion, without a definitive upward or downward trajectory.

Examining the other categories, energy expenditure remained relatively constant, hovering around \$10 billion throughout the entire period. Similarly, general science funding demonstrated a modest increase, rising from roughly \$5 billion in 1980 to \$7 billion in 2008. Furthermore, the expenditure categorized as 'other' experienced minor variances, oscillating between \$5 billion and \$10 billion during the same timeframe.

### Evaluation:

#### Overall Band Score: 9

**Task Response (9):** The report provides a comprehensive and accurate overview of the information presented in the graph. All key trends and figures are clearly identified and explained.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is well-structured and logically organized. The paragraphs flow smoothly and effectively guide the reader through the information.

**Lexical Resource (9):** The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary, using precise and sophisticated language to describe the trends and figures. The language is natural and appropriate for the academic context.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report exhibits a wide range of grammatical structures, used accurately and with complete control. The grammar and punctuation are flawless.

## Model Answer #3

### Response:

The line graph illustrates the U.S. government's financial allocations towards various research sectors over a span of 28 years, from 1980 to 2008.

Overall, it is evident that health research received the most significant increase in funding, whereas expenditures on space and energy exhibited more stable patterns.

Focusing on health-related research, the funding experienced a notable upward trend, commencing at approximately \$5 billion in 1980 and escalating to around \$23 billion by 2008. This consistent growth underscores the heightened emphasis placed on health research by the government during these years. In contrast, the expenditure on space research displayed fluctuations, varying between \$15 billion and \$20 billion without a definitive upward or downward trajectory.

Examining other categories, energy expenditure remained relatively constant, hovering around \$10 billion throughout the entire period. Similarly, general science funding demonstrated a modest increase, rising from roughly \$5 billion in 1980 to \$7 billion in 2008. Additionally, the expenditure categorized as 'other' experienced minor variances, oscillating between \$5 billion and \$10 billion during the same timeframe.

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**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report exhibits a wide range of grammatical structures and uses them accurately and appropriately. The punctuation is also flawless.

## Model Answer #4

### Response:

The line graph provided delineates the U.S. government's expenditure on five major research categories from 1980 to 2008.

Overall, it is evident that health research consistently received the most significant funding, whereas general science attracted the least investment over the 28-year span. Notably, expenditure trends varied across categories, with significant fluctuations observed in energy and other expenditures.

Beginning with health research, the expenditure experienced a steady ascent from approximately \$5 billion in 1980 to about \$23 billion by 2008, despite a slight dip to around \$18 billion in 2004. Conversely, spending on space research exhibited notable fluctuations, oscillating between \$15 billion and \$20 billion throughout the period, ultimately concluding at nearly \$10 billion in 2008. General science funding, while remaining the lowest overall, saw a gradual increase from \$5 billion at the beginning to approximately \$7 billion in the closing years of the period.

In contrast, energy expenditure displayed significant volatility: starting at \$10 billion in 1980, it experienced a decline to about \$5 billion by 1992, followed by a peak of \$8 billion in 1996, before ultimately settling at approximately \$7 billion in 2008. The 'other categories' of research also demonstrated fluctuating patterns, beginning at around \$7 billion in 1980, descending to \$5 billion in 1984, and then experiencing slight increases and decreases until reaching a similar \$5 billion level in 2008.

### Evaluation:

#### Overall Band Score: 9

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**Lexical Resource (8.5):** A wide range of sophisticated vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately

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## Model Answer #5

### Response:

The line graph illustrates the U.S. government's financial allocations toward various research sectors over a span of 28 years, from 1980 to 2008.

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Focusing on health-related research, funding experienced a notable upward trend, starting at approximately \$5 billion in 1980 and escalating to about \$23 billion by 2008. This consistent growth highlights the increased emphasis the government placed on health research during this period.

In contrast, expenditure on space research displayed fluctuations, varying between \$15 billion and \$20 billion, without a definitive upward or downward trajectory.

Examining the other categories, energy expenditure remained relatively constant, hovering around \$10 billion throughout the entire period. Similarly, general science funding demonstrated a modest increase, rising from roughly \$5 billion in 1980 to \$7 billion in 2008. Furthermore, the expenditure categorized as 'other' experienced minor variances, oscillating between \$5 billion and \$10 billion during the same timeframe.

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## Model Answer #6

### Response:

The line graph illustrates the U.S. government's financial allocations towards various research sectors over a span of 28 years, from 1980 to 2008.

Overall, it is evident that health research received the most significant increase in funding, whereas expenditures on space and energy exhibited more stable patterns.

Focusing on health-related research, the funding experienced a notable upward trend, commencing at approximately \$5 billion in 1980 and escalating to around \$23 billion by 2008. This consistent growth underscores the heightened emphasis placed on health research by the government during these years. In contrast, the expenditure on space research displayed fluctuations, varying between \$15 billion and \$20 billion without a definitive upward or downward trajectory.

Examining other categories, energy expenditure remained relatively constant, hovering around \$10 billion throughout the entire period. Similarly, general science funding demonstrated a modest increase, rising from roughly \$5 billion in 1980 to \$7 billion in 2008. Additionally, the expenditure categorized as 'other' experienced minor variances, oscillating between \$5 billion and \$10 billion during the same timeframe.

### Evaluation:

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