

Task 1: Line Graph

Subject: The line graph shows the percentages of Australian exports to four countries. Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.



Answer #1

Response:

The line chart illustrates the proportion of Australian exports to four countries: Japan, the United States, China, and India between 1990 and 2012.

Overall, the data reveal a significant downward trend for Japan and the United States, while the opposite was true for China and India. Notably, China overtook Japan in the final years to become the leading destination for Australian exports.

In 1990, Japan accounted for the largest share of Australian exports, at 25%. This figure declined steadily to 18% by 1995 and remained relatively stable thereafter, finishing just under 20% in 2012. Similarly, exports to the United States stood at approximately 12% in 1990, before dropping sharply to 7% in 1995. Although there was a temporary recovery to 13% in 2002, the percentage gradually fell to around 5% by the end of the period.

In contrast, exports to China rose dramatically, from just 3% initially to nearly 30% in 2012, surpassing Japan around 2009. This sharp increase made China the largest export market for Australia. A similar but less pronounced pattern was observed for India, where the proportion started at 3%, the lowest among the four countries. Over the next decade, it increased gradually to approximately 8% in 2009, before declining slightly to 5% by 2012.

Scores:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response: 9 - The report effectively summarizes the main features and makes relevant comparisons, addressing all aspects of the task.

Coherence & Cohesion: 9 - The report is well-organized and easy to follow, with cohesive devices used naturally and effectively. Paragraphing is also well-managed.

Lexical Resource: 8.5 - The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary used accurately and appropriately, showcasing sophisticated control of lexical features.

Grammatical Range & Accuracy: 9 - The report exhibits a wide range of grammatical structures used accurately and flexibly, with correct punctuation throughout.

Answer #2

Response:

The line graph illustrates the percentages of Australian exports to four countries—Japan, the United States, China, and India—from 1990 to 2012.

Overall, the data reveals a significant upward trajectory for Chinese exports, contrasting with a decline from Japan and fluctuating trends observed in the United States and India.

In 1990, Australian exports were predominantly directed towards Japan, accounting for approximately 12% of the total, followed by the United States and China at around 6%, and India slightly below 5%. By 1995, there was a notable increase in exports to Japan, reaching about 17%, while the figures for the United States and India remained relatively stable at 6% and 5%, respectively. By the year 2000, exports to Japan peaked at 20%, whereas the United States experienced a decrease to around 5%. In contrast, exports to China rose to 10% and to India, they climbed to about 6%. By 2005, exports to Japan slightly declined to 19%, while China surpassed the United States for the first time, with exports reaching 15% compared to the US's 14%, as exports to India remained constant at 6%.

By 2010, a significant shift occurred as Chinese exports dramatically surged to 25%, overtaking Japan's exports, which were recorded at 20%. The United States experienced a further decline to 11%, while India saw a mild increase to 7%. In 2012, China continued its ascent, peaking at 28%, while exports to the United States fell to 10%. Japan's exports plateaued at 19%, and India showed a gradual increase to 9%, thereby illustrating the varied export trends across these nations over the 22-year period.

Scores:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response: 9 - Excellent response to the task. All aspects of the visual are accurately described and analyzed.

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. 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.