

Task 1: Table

Subject: The table describes the number of employees and factories in England and Wales from 1851 to 1901.

	Male employees	Female employees	Total employees	Factories
1851	287,100	190,000	477,100	225
1861	131,780	160,000	291,780	227
1871	80,123	60,000	140,123	622
1881	76,132	50,000	126,132	721
1891	65,000	40,000	105,000	625
1901	31,000	30,000	61,000	600

Answer #1

Response:

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It is apparent that the total employee count experienced a marked decline throughout the period, while the distribution of male and female workers shifted sharply. Concurrently, the number of factories displayed a fluctuating trend, peaking before a gradual decrease towards the end of the century.

In 1851, the silk industry boasted a considerable workforce totaling 477,100 employees, comprising 287,100 males and 190,000 females, alongside 225 factories. The subsequent decade revealed a troubling decline in male employment, which dropped to 131,780 by 1861, while female employment experienced a slight increase to 160,000, resulting in an overall reduction of total employees to 291,780. Interestingly, the number of factories rose modestly to 227 during this time, indicating a potential shift towards increased mechanization despite workforce contraction.

However, a dramatic transformation occurred by 1871, as male workers dwindled to 80,123, and female workers fell to 60,000, culminating in a combined workforce of merely 140,123. Notably, the number of factories surged to 622, reflecting heightened industrial activity.

As the years progressed, the downward trend in the workforce persisted. By 1881, the workforce further contracted, resulting in 126,132 total employees, with 76,132 males and 50,000 females. Meanwhile, the factories increased to 721, signaling ongoing investments in silk production capabilities. This upward trajectory in factory numbers was not sustained, however, as the 1891 census marked a notable decline in both employee numbers—105,000 total, with 65,000 males and 40,000 females—and a decrease in factories to 625. Finally, by 1901, the workforce diminished to 61,000, consisting of 31,000 males and 30,000 females, paralleled by a reduction in factories to 600. Overall, the data underscores a concerning trend of workforce attrition, notwithstanding initial factory growth.

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Answer #2

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Looking at the employee statistics, in 1851, the number of workers was 287,100 and 190,000, respectively, for males and females, which was 477,100 employees altogether. The workforce then decreased dramatically to just north of 290,000 employees in 1861, which is the only year in which there were more women employed than men, before falling gradually and hitting the floor at 61,000 in 1901.

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Answer #3

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We can see that the sum of workers reached its peak in 1851 with totals of 477,100 people, with a distribution of 287,100 men and 190,000 women, whereas mills might not have been popular yet with only 225 in that era; each of them hired approximately 2,120 staff. Then, the numbers declined by around 70% to 140,123 employees, with 80,123 male and 60,000 female in the next two decades, while the volume of factories skyrocketed to 622; each contained 225 laborers, which was almost 90% less than in 1851.

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