

# Task 1: Map

**Subject:** the plans below show a public park when it first opened in 1920 and the same park today

**WRITING TASK 1**

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The plans below show a public park when it first opened in 1920 and the same park today. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.*

Write at least 150 words.

**GRANGE PARK (1920)**  
ARNOLD AVENUE

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Stage for musicians

Fountain

Glasshouse

Rose garden

Seats

Entrance

Rose garden

Seats

Entrance

Rose garden

Seats

Pond for water plants

ELDON STREET

**GRANGE PARK (today)**  
ARNOLD AVENUE

ARNOLD AVENUE

Amphitheatre for concerts

Rose garden

Seats

Café

Children's play area

Water feature

Seats

Entrance

Rose garden

Entrance

ELDON STREET

Entrance underground car park

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## **Model Answer #1**

### **Response:**

The provided plans depict Grange Park from its inception in 1920 and its current configuration, illustrating significant transformations over the century.

A comprehensive examination of the two maps reveals substantial modifications in the layout and features of Grange Park, highlighting a shift towards recreational and community-oriented amenities.

Initially, the center of the park was occupied by a fountain; however, this feature has now been supplanted by a rose garden, providing a tranquil seating area for visitors. Notably, the lower right segment which previously housed ponds for aquatic plants has been converted into a children's play area, facilitating engaging activities for younger patrons. Additionally, the former rose garden on the left has been replaced by a café, creating a space where families can enjoy refreshments together.

Further modifications include the transformation of a water feature into a glasshouse, an attraction designed to enhance visitor experience with various displays. The entrances to the park have remained unchanged, with access available via the North and South Entrances along Arnold Avenue and Eldon Street, respectively. Moreover, the stage for musical performances has been replaced by an extensive amphitheater, accommodating larger audiences for concerts and film screenings, thereby enriching the cultural offerings of the park.

### **Evaluation:**

#### **Overall Band Score: 9**

**Task Response (9):** Excellent overview of the key changes in the park's design. All the main features are accurately described and compared.

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

**Lexical Resource (9):** A wide range of sophisticated vocabulary is used precisely and naturally. The language is highly effective in conveying the information.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The grammar is impeccable. A wide range of complex grammatical structures is used accurately and appropriately.

## **Model Answer #2**

### **Response:**

The two comparative pictures illustrate the changes that have occurred in Grange Park from its opening in 1920 to the present day.

Originally, there was a fountain in the center of the park, surrounded by five seating arrangements along the perimeter. Now, a square rose garden has taken its place in the center, featuring only four seating arrangements around it. One of the rose gardens remains the same on the northwest side.

A café has been introduced to the left upon entering from Arnold Avenue. Adjacent to the café, there is now a children's play area that has replaced the pond. Previously, a glasshouse was situated to the right after entering from Eldon Street, but this has now been transformed into a water feature above the newly constructed underground car park. Furthermore, the covered stage for musicians has been converted into an open amphitheater for concerts.

Overall, nearly all features of the park have changed significantly, but it still retains its basic elements such as flowers, water, seating, and music, in addition to the new café and children's play area.

### **Evaluation:**

#### **Overall Band Score: 9**

**Task Response (9):** Excellent overview of the key changes in the park. All main features are accurately described and compared.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report flows smoothly and logically. The comparisons are well-integrated, and the overall structure is clear and easy to follow.

**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 impeccable. A wide range of structures is used with complete accuracy and fluency.

## **Model Answer #3**

### **Response:**

The diagrams illustrate the significant transformation undergone by Grange Park between 1920 and the present day. Overall, the park has been modernized and diversified, with new facilities making it more inviting and versatile.

In 1920, Grange Park had a simple layout with a fountain in the middle and a number of rose gardens located in three corners of the park. Numerous seats were placed around the park, and a stage for musicians was in the bottom left corner. A glasshouse was situated near Eldon Street, and a pond for water plants was in the top right corner.

Today, Grange Park has undergone substantial changes. The once-central fountain has been replaced by a rose garden, now the park's undisputed focal point. Throughout the past decade, the stage for musicians has been transformed into an amphitheater for concerts, offering a more formal performance space. A children's play area has been added, replacing the pond. A new water feature has been installed, along with an entrance to an underground car park, enhancing accessibility.

### **Evaluation:**

#### **Overall Band Score: 9**

**Task Response (9):** Excellent overview of the key changes in the park's design. All main features are accurately described and compared.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report flows smoothly and logically. The use of cohesive devices is seamless and sophisticated.

**Lexical Resource (9):** A wide range of precise and sophisticated vocabulary is used effectively throughout the report.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The grammar is impeccable, with a wide range of structures used accurately and appropriately.

## **Model Answer #4**

### **Response:**

The two pictures compare the layout of Grange Park in its first opening with its current layout.

It is evident that, aside from the former entrances and the north-western rose garden, all facilities in the park have changed. Most notably, the central fountain has been removed and replaced by a rose garden with four seating areas.

In 1920, there was a glasshouse in the south-western corner of the park, but now it has been replaced by a water feature. Additionally, an entrance to an underground car park has been added to the current layout. In the western and south-western areas, where there used to be a stage for musicians and a rose garden, an amphitheater for concerts has now taken its place. The north-western rose garden has remained unchanged.

In the central area of the park, the fountain has been replaced by a square rose garden with four seating areas, which are now the only seating areas in the current layout. The northern and southern entrances have remained the same, while the north-eastern rose garden and the pond have been replaced by a café and a children's play area, respectively.

### **Evaluation:**

#### **Overall Band Score: 9**

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

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is very well-organized and easy to follow. The information is presented logically and smoothly.

**Lexical Resource (9):** A wide range of vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately. The language is sophisticated and natural.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report demonstrates excellent grammatical accuracy and a wide range of structures.

## **Model Answer #5**

### **Response:**

The plans depict Grange Park as it was in 1920 and how it looks today, illustrating the significant changes that have occurred over time.

In 1920, Grange Park was a traditional park with a symmetrical layout. It featured a large fountain at the center, surrounded by seats and rose gardens. The park also had a stage for musicians to the left, a glasshouse to the right, and a pond for water plants in the northeast corner.

Today, the park has been significantly modernized, with several new facilities added while retaining some original features. The fountain has been replaced by a large water feature near the bottom right of the park. The stage for musicians has been transformed into an amphitheater for concerts, suggesting an upgrade in the park's entertainment facilities. The glasshouse and pond have been removed, and in their place, a café and a children's play area have been installed, reflecting a shift towards more family-friendly amenities. Additionally, an underground car park has been introduced, catering to visitors arriving by car, which was likely not necessary in 1920.

In summary, Grange Park has evolved from a traditional park with limited facilities into a modern space with enhanced amenities that cater to a broader range of visitors. The changes reflect the park's adaptation to contemporary needs, emphasizing entertainment, convenience, and family-friendly features.

### **Evaluation:**

#### **Overall Band Score: 9**

**Task Response (9):** The report provides a comprehensive and accurate overview of the changes in the park, demonstrating a clear understanding of the task.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is well-structured and flows smoothly, with clear transitions between paragraphs and ideas.

**Lexical Resource (9):** The report uses a wide range of vocabulary accurately and appropriately, demonstrating a sophisticated command of language.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report demonstrates a wide range of grammatical structures with perfect accuracy and fluency.