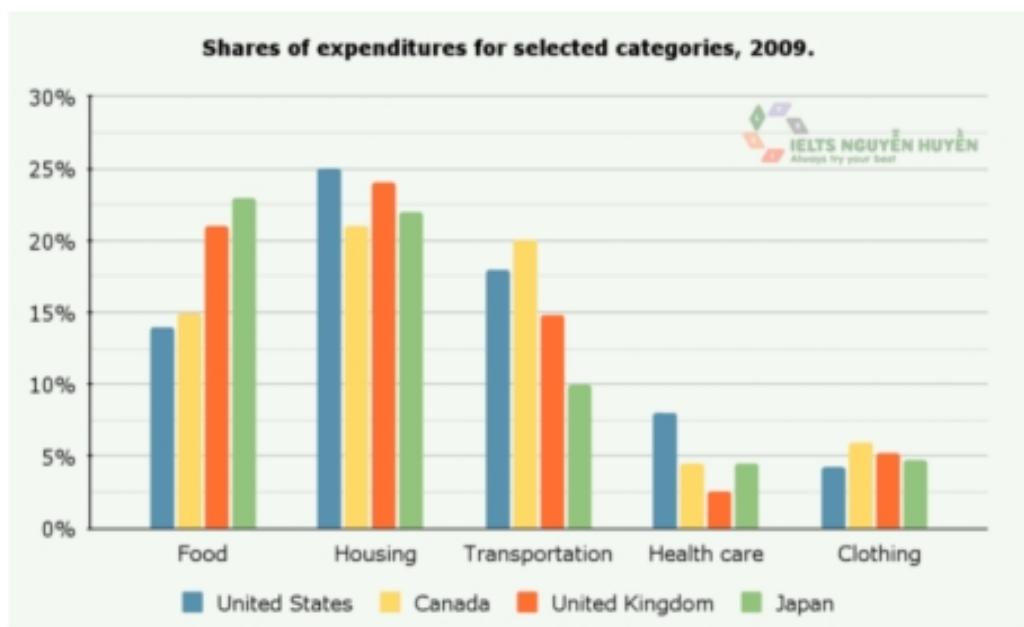


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Answer #1

Response:

The bar chart shows shares of expenditures for five major categories in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Japan in the year 2009.

Here is a structured approach to the bar chart based on the image:

Overall, housing constituted the largest share of spending in all countries except Japan, where food had the highest percentage. Meanwhile, healthcare expenditure was significantly higher in the United States compared to the other nations, and clothing consistently represented the smallest share across all countries.

Housing accounted for the highest expenditure in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, with percentages exceeding 20% in each. The United States and Canada had nearly identical shares for housing, at around 25%, while the United Kingdom was slightly lower. In contrast, Japan allocated less than 15% to housing, with food taking precedence at approximately 23%.

Transportation expenditures were relatively consistent across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, ranging from 15% to 20%, but Japan's figure was markedly lower, at under 10%. Healthcare showed the most significant disparity, with the United States spending over 10%, far outpacing the other countries, which each allocated less than 7%.

Scores:

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 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.

Answer #2

Response:

The given chart gives information about the percentages of consumer spending on five main categories in four different countries in 2009.

Overall, it can be seen that the largest proportion went for housing in all countries, except for Japan. Moreover, all four countries allocated less money for health care and clothing.

Regarding the three most spending categories, accommodation represented the largest expenditure, with the US leading over 25%. This was followed by the other three countries, ranging from 21% to 24%. Food was the most allocated item in Japan with 23%, which was 3% higher than in the UK. The American and the Canadian distributed around 15% of their budget for this category, being the lowest among the four. Transportation expenditure was the highest in Canada, at exactly 20%, being double that in Japan. The US and the UK's percentages were between 15% and 17%. The opposite trend was true for health care and clothing. In healthcare expenditure, America stood out with 7%, while other three nations only made up less than 5%. Spending on clothing was relatively lower, with both the Canadian and the British allocating 6%. The same pattern was seen in the US and Japan at 4% each.

Scores:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response: 9 - The report provides a comprehensive and accurate summary of the main features of the chart, highlighting key trends and making relevant comparisons. It effectively addresses all aspects of the task.

Coherence & Cohesion: 9 - The report is well-organized and easy to follow. The information is presented logically, with clear transitions between paragraphs and sentences. The use of cohesive devices is seamless and contributes to the overall clarity of the report.

Lexical Resource: 9 - The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary, using precise and appropriate language to describe the data. The language is sophisticated and natural, with no noticeable errors or limitations.

Grammatical Range & Accuracy: 9 - The report exhibits a wide range of grammatical structures, used accurately and flexibly. The grammar is error-free, and punctuation is used correctly throughout.