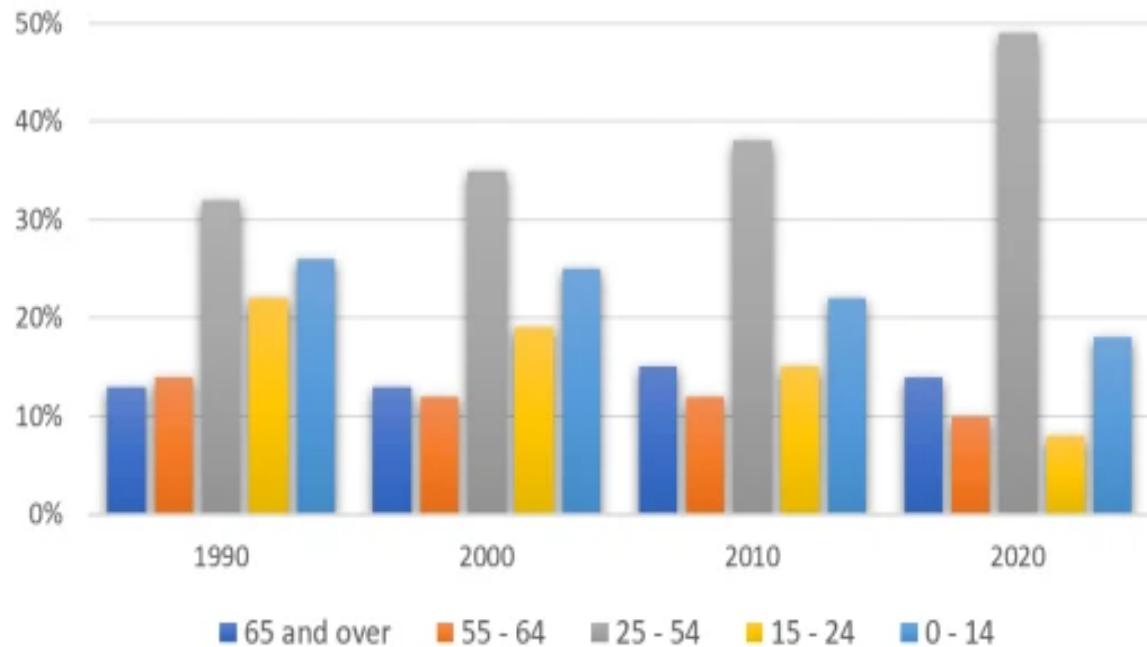


Task 1: Bar Chart

Subject: The graph gives information about the age of the population of Iceland between 1990 and 2020.

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Model Answer #1

Response:

The bar chart illustrates the percentage distribution of Iceland's population across five age groups (0–14, 15–24, 25–54, 55–64, and 65 and over) in 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020. Overall, there was a noticeable decline in the younger age groups, significant growth in the older age groups, and the working-age population remained the largest category throughout the period.

The 25–54 age group consistently dominated the population structure, showing stability over the years and eventually increasing further by 2020. In contrast, the younger age groups, including 0–14 and 15–24, experienced a continuous decline, reflecting a decrease in the proportion of younger people within the population.

On the other hand, the older age groups, particularly those aged 55–64 and 65 and over, showed steady growth over the period, highlighting an aging trend in the population. These changes indicate a shift in demographics, with a rising proportion of older individuals and a decreasing share of younger people.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response (9): Excellent response to the task. All main features are summarized and comparisons are made.

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

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 flawless. A wide range of grammatical structures is used with complete accuracy and fluency.

Model Answer #2

Response:

The bar chart provides information on the age demographics of Iceland's population over a 30-year period, from 1990 to 2020.

What is most striking when looking at the data is that the age group of 25-54 continues to be the largest demographic in the population of Iceland, whereas the number of people aged 0-24 experiences a gradual decrease over the period shown. It is also important to note that the population aged 55 and above shows only marginal changes throughout the years among the four demographic groups.

Focusing first on the group with a roughly consistent increase in numbers, the population aged 25-54 made up about one-third of Iceland's population in 1990, being the most popular age group at the time. By 2020, the number of people in this group had grown to about half of the total population. This is not only the largest increase over the given timeframe, but it also highlights the enduring dominance of this age group over the others throughout the years.

In stark contrast to the consistent growth of the 25-54 age group, the population under the age of 25 in Iceland experiences a gradual decline over time. Specifically, the 0-14 age group and the 15-24 age group both witness a notable decrease. The former declines from over one-fifth of the population to less than one-tenth, while the latter drops from over one-fifth to just below 20% by 2020. Despite these declines, the 15-24 age group still maintains its position as the second-largest demographic, whereas the 0-14 age group becomes the smallest demographic by the end of the 30-year period surveyed.

Finally, the only age groups to experience minimal change during this period are those aged 55 and above. The number of people in these groups consistently hovers around 10-15% of the total population, reflecting relatively stable numbers over the years.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response (9): Excellent response to the task. All main features are identified and compared appropriately.

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

Lexical Resource (9): A wide range of sophisticated vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately. The lexical choices enhance the clarity and precision of the report.

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

Model Answer #3

Response:

The graph illustrates the age distribution of Iceland's population from 1990 to 2020, divided into five distinct age ranges. Overall, the population trend shows a shift towards an ageing population.

In general, the graph highlights a noticeable decline in the proportion of younger ages, accompanied by a steady increase in the proportion of older ages.

On the one hand, the proportion of children and teenagers (ages 0-14) decreased steadily over the period, from approximately 30% in 1990 to around 20% in 2020. In contrast, the proportion of elderly citizens (ages 65 and over) more than doubled, from around 10% in 1990 to nearly 20% in 2020.

On the other hand, the proportion of the working-age population (ages 25-54) remained relatively stable, with some fluctuations. In 1990, this age group comprised around 45% of the population, increasing to almost 50% in 2000, before decreasing to roughly 40% in 2020. Meanwhile, the proportion of middle-aged citizens (ages 55-64) gradually increased, from approximately 8% in 1990 to around 12% in 2020.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response (9): The report accurately summarizes the main features of the graph, making relevant comparisons and highlighting the overall trend of an ageing population.

Coherence & Cohesion (9): The report is extremely well-organized, with a clear and logical structure that makes it easy to follow. Cohesive devices are used effectively to link ideas between sentences and paragraphs.

Lexical Resource (9): The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary, using precise and sophisticated language to describe the graph, such as 'noticeable decline', 'steadily increase', and 'relatively stable'.

Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9): The report showcases a wide range of grammatical structures, including complex sentences and clauses, all of which are used accurately and appropriately. Punctuation is also used correctly throughout.