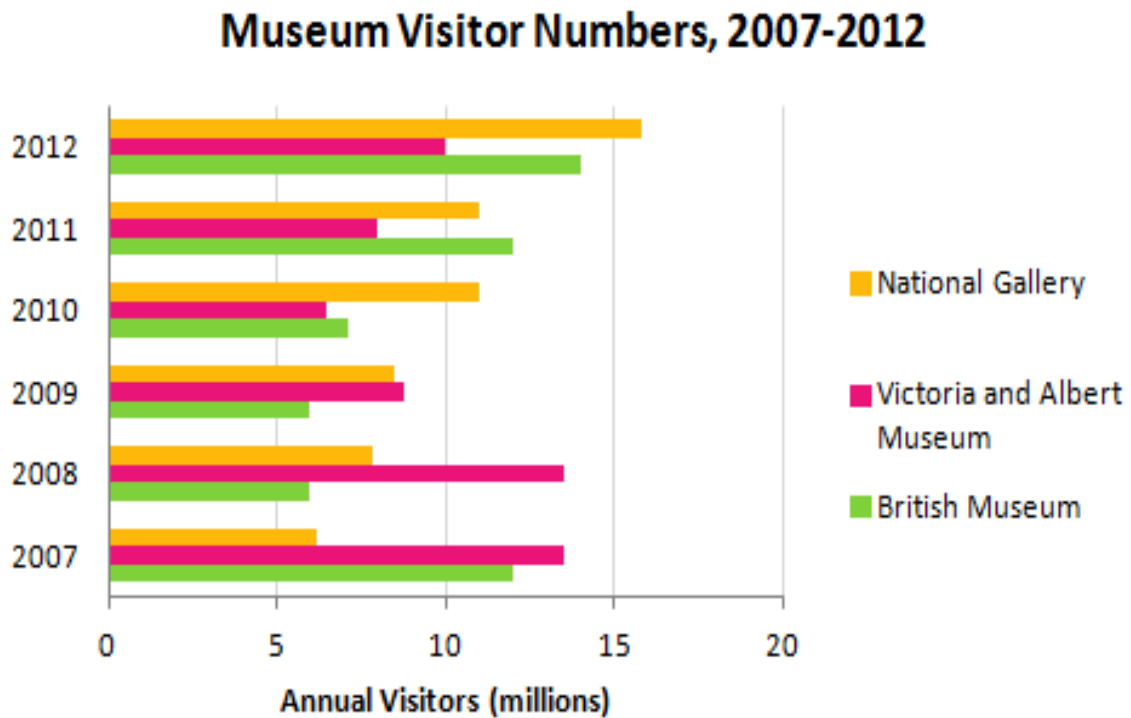


Task 1: Bar Chart

Subject: The bar chart shows the number of visitors to three London Museums between 2007 and 2012. Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.



Model Answer #1

Response:

The bar chart illustrates the number of visitors to three London museums—the National Gallery, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the British Museum—between 2007 and 2012.

Overall, visitor numbers fluctuated over the period, but the National Gallery showed a significant upward trend, while the other two museums experienced more variation.

In 2007, the Victoria and Albert Museum had the highest number of visitors, reaching around 13 million, while the British Museum and National Gallery had slightly lower numbers, approximately 12 million and 6 million, respectively. However, by 2012, the National Gallery saw a sharp rise in attendance, surpassing 17 million visitors, making it the most popular museum by the end of the period.

The British Museum had relatively stable visitor numbers throughout the years, peaking in 2012 at around 14 million. Meanwhile, the Victoria and Albert Museum experienced a decline from its peak in 2008, when it had nearly 15 million visitors, to a lower figure in the following years.

In summary, the National Gallery showed the most remarkable growth, whereas the Victoria and Albert Museum faced a decline, and the British Museum maintained moderate fluctuations.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response (9): Excellent response to the task. All main features are accurately described and compared. The report is well-organized and fulfills all requirements.

Coherence & Cohesion (9): The report is exceptionally well-structured and easy to follow. The flow of information is natural and logical, with skillful use of cohesive devices.

Lexical Resource (8.5): 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 report demonstrates a wide range of grammatical structures with complete accuracy and fluency. The grammar is impeccable.

Model Answer #2

Response:

The bar chart illustrates the annual visitor numbers for three prominent museums in London from 2007 to 2012.

Overall, the National Gallery experienced a steady increase in visitor numbers, while the Victoria and Albert Museum saw a decline. The British Museum maintained the highest visitor numbers throughout the period, culminating in a notable surge in 2012.

Specifically, the National Gallery's visitor count rose from 5 million in 2007 to approximately 6 million by 2012, indicating a consistent upward trajectory. Notably, visitor numbers remained stable at around 11 million during the years 2010 and 2011. Conversely, the Victoria and Albert Museum showcased a fluctuating trend, peaking at 12 million in 2007 before experiencing a gradual decline to 11 million visitors in 2012. This decline was particularly marked between 2009 and 2010, during which the museum reached its lowest visitor count.

In contrast, the British Museum consistently attracted the highest number of visitors, fluctuating between 15 and 18 million each year. Initially, in 2007, it recorded around 15 million visitors, making it the second most popular museum at that time. However, it later surpassed the Victoria and Albert Museum as visitor numbers began to dwindle there. Remarkably, by 2012, the British Museum saw a resurgence, with nearly 18 million visitors, solidifying its status as London's most frequented museum during the assessed period.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response (9): Excellent overview of the main trends and comparisons. All key features are accurately described.

Coherence & Cohesion (9): The report flows smoothly and logically. Paragraphing is well-managed, and the connections between ideas are clear.

Lexical Resource (8.5): A wide range of sophisticated vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately. The language is natural and precise.

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