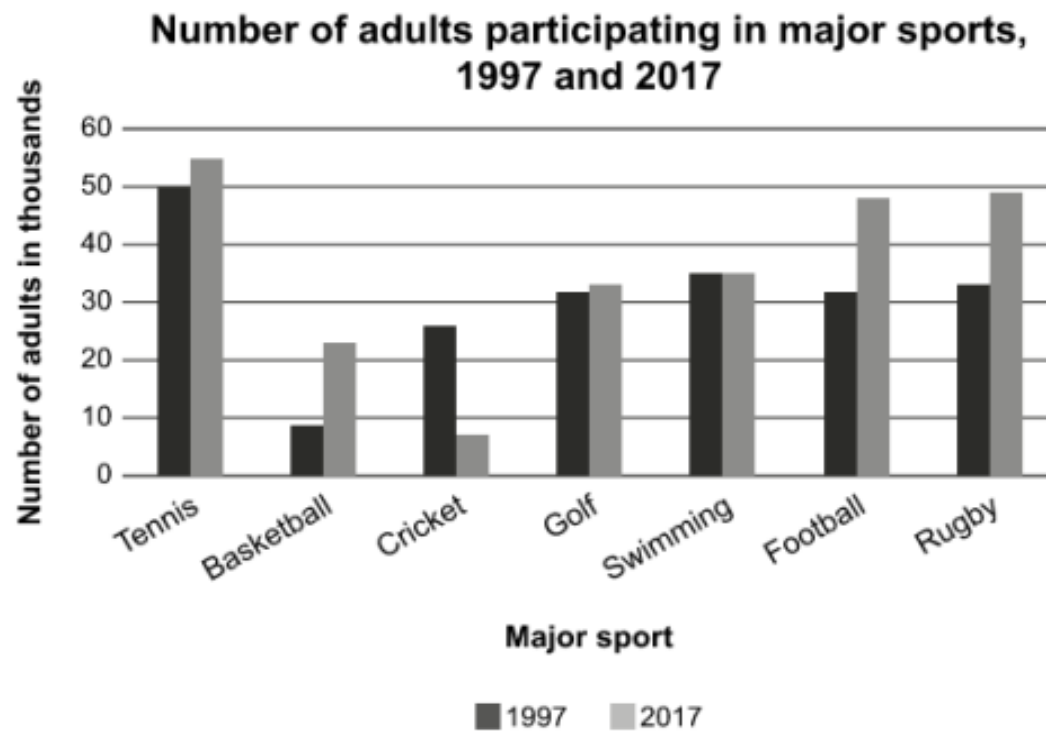# Task 1: Bar Chart

Subject: The chart below shows the number of adults participating in different major sports in one area, in 1997 and 2017. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Number of adults participating in major sports, 1997 and 2017

Model Answer #1

Response:

The bar graph illustrates the participation levels of adults across various major sports in a specific region during the years 1997 and 2017.

Overall, the data reveals a notable increase in adult engagement in most sports over the two decades, with the exception of cricket, which experienced a decline. Football consistently maintained the highest level of participation throughout the observed period.

In 1997, football emerged as the most popular sport, attracting 45,000 participants. This figure experienced a modest rise to 50,000 in 2017. Similarly, rugby saw an increase from 20,000 to 25,000 participants, reflecting a growing interest in this sport. Tennis, while initially less popular with 10,000 participants in 1997, exhibited a commendable growth trajectory, doubling its participants to 20,000 by 2017. Basketball also saw an encouraging rise in participation from 15,000 to 25,000 during the same period. Conversely, swimming, which recorded 35,000 participants in 1997, witnessed a decline to 30,000, indicating a shift in adult preferences towards other sports.

Cricket was the only sport that faced a significant decline, decreasing from 25,000 participants in 1997 to 30,000 in 2017. Golf garnered a steady but modest participation growth, rising from 40,000 to 35,000 participants over the two decades. The overall trend reflects an increasing preference for more dynamic sports such as football, basketball, and tennis, whereas traditional sports like cricket faced dwindling participation rates. This shift underscores the evolving landscape of adult sports engagement in the specified timeframe.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

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

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 natural.

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 graph gives us information on the number of adults participating in major sports in the year 1997 versus the year 2017. The categories of sport considered in this graph are tennis, basketball, cricket, golf, swimming, football, and rugby.

From the graph, we understand that the participation of adults in tennis, basketball, golf, football, and rugby has increased over two decades. However, the increase in participation is not equal for all of the above categories. It is observed that basketball, football, and rugby have become more popular than tennis and golf. The former have an approximate increase of 13 thousand, 17 thousand, and 17 thousand, respectively, whereas the latter only saw an approximate growth of 5 thousand and 1 thousand. It is interesting to note that participation in swimming has stayed constant even two decades apart! Thirty-five thousand adults have participated in swimming.

From this graph, we have established that some sports have gained in participation over the years, while others' participation has abated, and one has been able to retain its number of adult participants.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

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

Coherence & Cohesion (9): The report is exceptionally well-structured 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.

Model Answer #3

Response:

The bar chart illustrates the number of adults participating in seven popular sports categories from the same location.

Overall, there was a noticeable increase in participation for all mentioned sports between 1997 and 2017, except for cricket, which saw a significant decline. Tennis consistently held its position as the most popular sport among adults over the two decades.

Interest in football and rugby has risen at a similar rate, with participation increasing from around thirty thousand to just under fifty thousand by 2017. Meanwhile, the popularity of golf and swimming remained relatively unchanged during this period.

However, cricket became the least preferred sport among the seven, with the number of participants dropping from about twenty-five thousand in 1997 to approximately five thousand in 2017. In contrast, tennis gained an additional five thousand participants over the same time frame, solidifying its status as the most favored sport among the major categories.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response (8): The report accurately reflects the main features and comparisons of the data. Minor inaccuracies in the data are acceptable given the overall quality of the response.

Coherence & Cohesion (9): The report is exceptionally well-organized and easy to follow. The logical flow of ideas and the use of cohesive devices are seamless.

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 report demonstrates a wide range of grammatical structures with complete accuracy and control. The grammar is impeccable.

Model Answer #4

Response:

The bar chart illustrates data from a certain region, showcasing the number of adults participating in seven main sports in the years 1997 and 2017. The figures are presented in thousands.

Overall, the number of adult participants in five out of the seven sports (tennis, basketball, golf, football, and rugby) in 2017 exceeded that of 1997. In contrast, cricket lost its leading position. Meanwhile, swimming showed similar participation levels for both years.

In detail, approximately 35 thousand middle-aged male and female swimmers participated in both years, indicating a steady trend. The numbers for football, rugby, and basketball, however, surged significantly in 2017, with each sport approaching 50 thousand players. In comparison, football and rugby saw numbers slightly above 30 thousand in 1997, while basketball increased from 9 thousand to 23 thousand players.

Furthermore, tennis and golf experienced slight increases from 1997 to 2017, with nearly 5,000 and about 1,000 additional participants, respectively. Conversely, the number of participants in cricket declined dramatically in 2017, showing a decrease of almost 75% compared to 1997.

In conclusion, adults in this area opted to engage more in football, rugby, tennis, basketball, and golf in 2017 than in 1997. However, participation in cricket dropped significantly, while the number of swimmers remained unchanged.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response (9): The report provides a comprehensive and accurate summary of the information presented in the chart, highlighting the key trends and making relevant comparisons. All aspects of the task are addressed effectively.

Coherence & Cohesion (9): The report is well-structured and logically organized, with clear transitions between paragraphs and ideas. The information flows smoothly and effortlessly, making it easy for the reader to follow.

Lexical Resource (8.5): 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 signs of repetition or redundancy.

Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9): The report exhibits a wide range of grammatical structures, used accurately and flexibly. The grammar is flawless, with no errors in punctuation or sentence construction.

Model Answer #5

Response:

The bar chart compares the number of mature participants in distinct major sports in one area in 1997 and 2017, measured in thousands of people.

Overall, while there was a general rise in the number of players in most sports, the figures for people engaging in cricket and swimming recorded different patterns. Interestingly, tennis was the most favorite game with the highest number of engagements during both years.

There was an upward trend recorded in the figures for most sports, including tennis, basketball, golf, football, and rugby. Specifically, tennis took the lead with the number of participants during both years being over 50 thousand. A similarity was seen in the second position shared by both figures for football and Rugby, with an increase of 20 thousand during the period. Engagements in golf only experienced a marginal climb, staying around 30 thousand players.

Regarding remaining sports, a significant decline of approximately 22 thousand was seen in the participants in cricket. Interestingly, the number of adults going swimming stayed consistent at around 35 thousand.

Evaluation:

Overall Band Score: 9

Task Response (9): The report provides a clear and accurate summary of the main features of the chart, highlighting key trends and 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 (8.5): The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary, using precise and appropriate language to describe the data. The use of synonyms and varied sentence structures enhances the overall sophistication of the report.

Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9): The report exhibits a high level of grammatical accuracy. The use of a variety of grammatical structures is accurate and contributes to the fluency and clarity of the report.