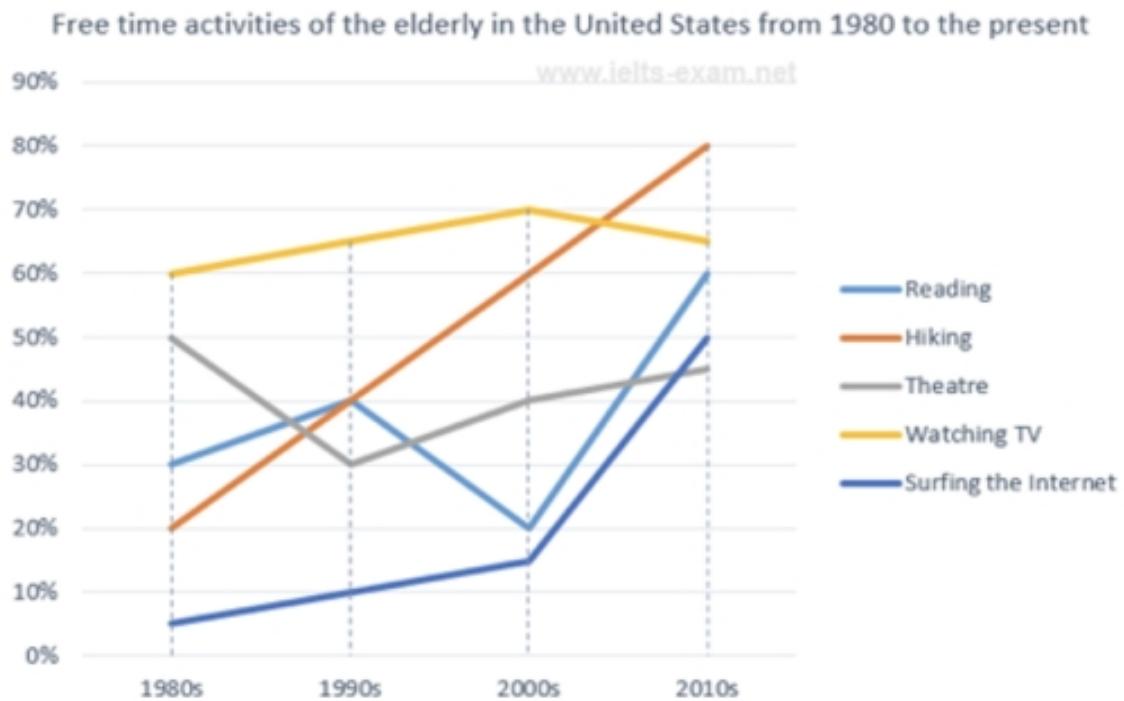


## Task 1: Line Graph

**Subject:** The line graph below shows how elderly people in the United States spent their free time between 1980 and 2010. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



## **Model Answer #1**

### **Response:**

The provided line graph illustrates the leisure activities of elderly individuals in the United States from 1980 to 2010.

Overall, the graph demonstrates notable trends in various free-time pursuits, indicating significant changes in preferences among the elderly population over the specified period.

In the 1980s, a considerable 85% of elderly individuals engaged in watching television, making it the most prevalent activity at that time. However, this percentage experienced a decline to 70% in both the 1990s and 2000s before witnessing a resurgence to over 75% by 2010. Conversely, reading gained popularity, escalating from 30% in the 1980s to nearly 80% by the 2000s. Hiking also saw an impressive upward trajectory, beginning at a modest 10% in the 1980s and soaring to over 70% in the 2010s, indicating a significant shift towards more active leisure pursuits among seniors.

In stark contrast, the percentage of elderly individuals attending the theatre demonstrated a downward trend, declining from 50% in the 1980s to a low of 15% in the 1990s. Although there was some fluctuation afterwards, the figure rebounded to 33% by 2010. Additionally, surfing the internet emerged as a new activity, starting from a negligible 0% in the 1980s and 1990s, subsequently increasing to 30% in the 2000s and reaching its peak of over 55% by the 2010s. This indicates a marked shift in the elderly demographic towards digital engagement over the three decades.

### **Evaluation:**

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

**Task Response (9):** Excellent response to the task. All main features of the graph 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 (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 #2**

### **Response:**

The line graph illustrates the leisure activities of elderly individuals in the United States between 1980 and 2010.

Overall, significant upward trends were observed in Hiking, Reading, Surfing the Internet, and Watching TV, whereas Theatre exhibited a notable decline. Hiking demonstrated the most substantial growth among all activities over the three decades.

Hiking experienced a remarkable increase over the period from 1980 to 2010, with a peak of over 70% engagement in the 2010s. In contrast, Theatre participation dropped from 50% in the 1980s to 15% in the 90s, and then fluctuated around 33% in the 2010s.

Reading showed a consistent rise, starting at 30% in the 1980s, reaching close to 80% in the 2000s. Watching TV had the highest engagement at the beginning, with 85% in the 1980s, decreased to around 70% in the following two decades, and then exceeded 75% in the 2010s. Surfing the Internet, which was not prevalent in the 80s and 90s, saw a notable increase to 55% in the 2010s after reaching 30% in the 2000s.

### **Evaluation:**

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

**Task Response (9):** The report provides a comprehensive and accurate summary of the main features of the graph, highlighting the key trends and making relevant comparisons. All the important information is included and presented in a clear and logical manner.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is well-structured and flows smoothly. The paragraphs are logically organized, and the transitions between them are seamless. The information is presented in a clear and concise manner, making it easy for the reader to follow.

**Lexical Resource (9):** The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary, using precise and sophisticated language to describe the trends and comparisons. The vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately, enhancing the clarity and impact of the report.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report exhibits a wide range of grammatical structures, using them accurately and flexibly. The sentences are grammatically correct and well-constructed, contributing to the overall clarity and fluency of the report.

## **Model Answer #3**

### **Response:**

The provided line graph illustrates the leisure activities of elderly individuals in the United States from 1980 to 2010.

Overall, the graph demonstrates notable trends in various free-time pursuits, indicating significant changes in preferences among the elderly population over the specified period.

In the 1980s, a considerable 85% of elderly individuals engaged in watching television, making it the most prevalent activity at that time. However, this percentage experienced a decline to 70% in both the 1990s and 2000s before witnessing a resurgence to over 75% by 2010. Conversely, reading gained popularity, escalating from 30% in the 1980s to nearly 80% by the 2000s. Hiking also saw an impressive upward trajectory, beginning at a modest 10% in the 1980s and soaring to over 70% in the 2010s, indicating a significant shift towards more active leisure pursuits among seniors.

In stark contrast, the percentage of elderly individuals attending the theatre demonstrated a downward trend, declining from 50% in the 1980s to a low of 15% in the 1990s. Although there was some fluctuation afterwards, the figure rebounded to 33% by 2010. Additionally, surfing the internet emerged as a new activity, starting from a negligible 0% in the 1980s and 1990s, subsequently increasing to 30% in the 2000s and reaching its peak of over 55% by the 2010s. This indicates a marked shift in the elderly demographic towards digital engagement over the three decades.

### **Evaluation:**

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

**Task Response (9):** Excellent response to the task. All main features of the graph 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 (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 #4**

### **Response:**

The line graph illustrates the leisure activities of elderly individuals in the United States between 1980 and 2010.

Overall, significant upward trends were observed in Hiking, Reading, Surfing the Internet, and Watching TV, whereas Theatre exhibited a notable decline. Hiking demonstrated the most substantial growth among all activities over the three decades.

Hiking experienced a remarkable increase over the period from 1980 to 2010, with a peak of over 70% engagement in the 2010s. In contrast, Theatre participation dropped from 50% in the 1980s to 15% in the 90s, and then fluctuated around 33% in the 2010s.

Reading showed a consistent rise, starting at 30% in the 1980s, reaching close to 80% in the 2000s. Watching TV had the highest engagement at the beginning, with 85% in the 1980s, decreased to around 70% in the following two decades, and then exceeded 75% in the 2010s. Surfing the Internet, which was not prevalent in the 80s and 90s, saw a notable increase to 55% in the 2010s after reaching 30% in the 2000s.

### **Evaluation:**

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

**Task Response (9):** The report provides a comprehensive and accurate summary of the main features of the graph, highlighting the key trends and making relevant comparisons. All the important information is included and presented in a clear and logical manner.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is well-structured and flows smoothly. The paragraphs are logically organized, and the transitions between them are seamless. The information is presented in a clear and concise manner, making it easy for the reader to follow.

**Lexical Resource (9):** The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary, using precise and sophisticated language to describe the trends and comparisons. The vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately, enhancing the clarity and impact of the report.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report exhibits a wide range of grammatical structures, using them accurately and flexibly. The sentences are grammatically correct and well-constructed, contributing to the overall clarity and fluency of the report.