WRITING LESSON 1 IELTS TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below show the life cycle of a species of large fish called the salmon.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least ***150 words***.

Suggestion for essay structure

***Introduction*** ----write two sentences to paraphrase the question.

***Summary / overview*** ----describe main changes / stages / differences in the fish’s life cycle and

***1st body paragraph*** ---- describe about the first stage or the first + second stages ( include beginning ) ###( write about 3 sentences )

***2nd body paragraph*** ----describe about the second and / or final stage ( include that the cycle completes). ### ( write about 3 sentences )

Useful words / phrases

Salmon ( plural )------ begin / life / reach

Salmon ( singular ) -----passes / grows

Upper river ( slow moving ) /Reeds / small stones / salmon eggs ------- ----begin life as eggs on a pebbly ( stones ) riverbed ( floor of the river ) and they are hidden / buried among reeds in the slow-moving upper reaches ( upper part ) of a river.

Live / migrate / swimming back to

Eggs hatch / develop / grow into fry

Fry emerge /evolve / hatch from eggs

Baby salmon / fry -----The fry then swim to the lower, faster flowing part of the river and live there for approximately four years -------- or will live in the fast flowing waters of their river ( fast- flowing river )

Salmon will become adult ( simple English ) ----- will have grown into adult size ( will reach adult stage / will reach maturity )

Live / spend in that location

Numbers ---- five to six months / next four years / between three and eight centimetres / twelve to fifteen centimetres / after five years / between seventy and seventy-six centimetres

Stages take place / occur