**Writing Practice**

**Choose either 1 or 2 below, and write a discussion of these data, making comparisons, giving explanations, making claims, recommendations etc.**

**1.** The following (fictitious) data show the relationship between the length of the language course a group of students have followed and the failure rate of these students on the subject course. All students had obtained 5 on the IELTS test. The table also shows other research carried out on the same topic by other research workers.

*Table 1: Failure rates and length of language course.*

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| Length of Course | Failure Rate on  Subject Course  (Current Research) | Owen’s  Research  (2010) | Scholes’s  Research  (2009) |
| One month  Two months  Three months  Four months  One year | 50%  37%  20%  19%  1% | 40%  20%  19%  19%  2% | 20 %  20%  20%  20%  2% |

**2.** The following table shows the results of three pieces of (fictitious) research about the recall of historical dates. Students were taught a number of dates, and then their recall of the data was tested. The dates were then revised four times. Recall was tested after each revision. The table also shows other research carried out on the same topic by other research workers.

*Table 1 - Percentages of information recalled*

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| Number of Revisions | A  Present Research | B  Beckham’s Research (2010) | C  Rooney’s Research  (2009) |
| 0 | 10 | 6 | 24 |
| 1 | 24 | 20 | 30 |
| 2 | 32 | 30 | 46 |
| 3 | 40 | 39 | 63 |
| 4 | 60 | 54 | 60 |