Writing Practice Test 1

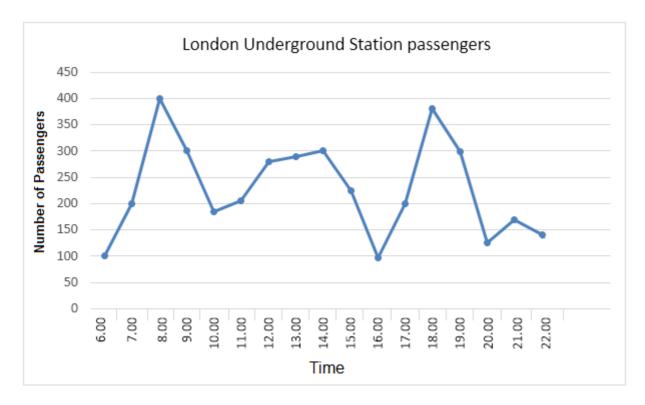
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph shows Underground Station passenger numbers in London.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

You should write at least 150 words.



WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic.

Rich countries often give money to poorer countries, but it does not solve poverty. Therefore, developed countries should give other types of help to the poor countries rather than financial aid.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Comments about the task:

- 1. An opinion essay
- 2. You must say how much you agree or disagree

Totally agree

- 1. Corruption
- 2. Bad economic policies

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.



SAMPLE WRITING TASK 1

The given line graph shows data on the number of underground station passengers of London city from 6:00 am till 10:00 pm. As is observed from the graph, the highest number of people use the underground stations of London at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

At 6:00 am around 100 underground passengers can be found at the stations and this number increases seamlessly until 8:00 am when the passengers' number reaches to 400. After 8:00 am the number declines steadily until 10:00 am when it reaches around 180. The number keeps fluctuating until 4:00 pm and on an average 200 passengers can be observed during this period. After 4:00 pm the passenger number increases and reaches at 380 at around 6:00 pm. After 6:00 pm, the passenger number decreases with some fluctuations until 10:00 pm.

In summary, the highest number of passengers of London underground stations can be found in the stations during the office going and office leaving times in a day.

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

Developed countries have been providing financial aid to the third world countries for decades, but it has not changed the economic situation of the poor countries. I totally agree that this aid should be replaced by other more effective types of help and I will discuss the reasons in the paragraphs below.

The primary reason why the financial aid provided by the first world countries is not being effective in achieving the results they are intended to achieve is because of the level of corruption prevalent in these poor countries. The major portion of the aid is taken by the officials before it trickles down to the people. As most of these leaders are not democratically elected and have a strong grip on power, people have little leverage to change this and hence they benefit less and their situations remain unchanged.

The second reason why this financial aid is not effective is because the governments which are the recipients of this assistance do not have sound economic policies and good governance in place. This means that these governments are not capable of managing the funds properly and the aid will be lost or misused before it reaches the people. Therefore, ensuring governments are capable of managing the funds before they receive them is crucial in achieving positive outcomes from this financial aid.

In conclusion, I believe financial aid is often misused by recipient countries due to corruption and financial mismanagement. Therefore, other types of support should be given to these countries.