

TEST 4, WRITING TASK 1

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a Band 5 score. Here is the examiner's comment:

The response is under-length (138 words). The candidate reports the key information in the first graph i.e. that visits to and from the UK increased and that the increase in visits from the UK was more marked than that of visits to the country. In the bar chart the information is also reported accurately. However, the references to &dollar are confusing, suggesting that the candidate has not fully understood the information given, and there is little attempt to relate the two diagrams or to make comparisons across the information given.

There is a brief introduction to the topic, with an attempt to paraphrase the rubric; the overall structure of the writing is clear, with some use of basic discourse markers. There is very little use of reference, however, resulting in a considerable amount of repetition of key vocabulary.

There is a fairly narrow range of sentence types and errors occur in verb formation and in the use of tenses.

The graphs reveal an information about overseas residents travel to UK and UK residents travel to other countries, and where they visited more.

According to the chart of visits to and from UK, UK residents had visited abroad more than overseas residents visited UK. UK residents traveling were increased slightly till 1986, after that, there was a dramatic rise from $20 millions to $54 millions till 1999. In contrast, overseas residents were increased gradually in traveling to UK from $10 million to $28 millions between 1979 and 1999.

From the information shown, we can see that France was the most popular country visited by UK residents, accounting for $11 millions. And the others countries visited by UK residents were Turkey, Greece and USA, which were $3, $4 and $5 millions.