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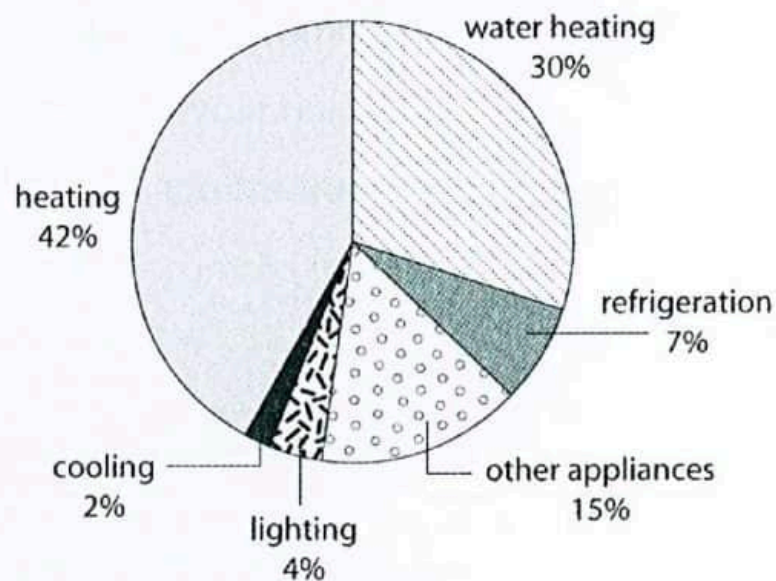
Test 1

Part 1

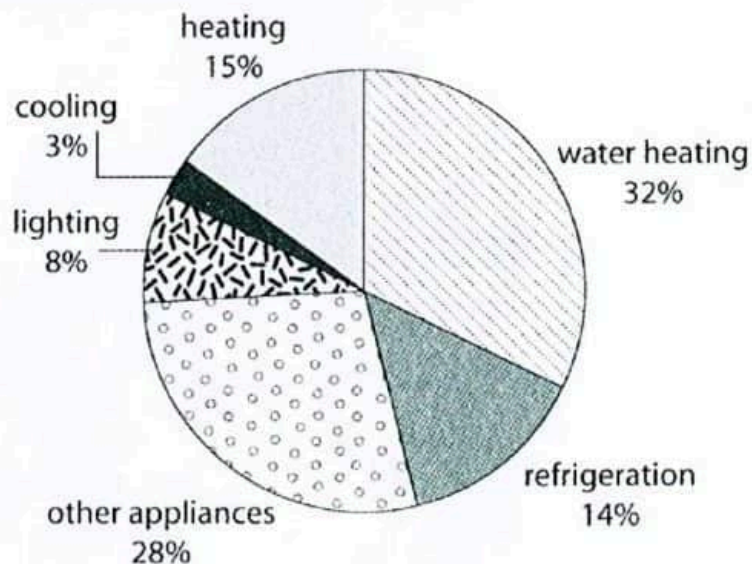
The first chart below shows how energy is used in an average Australian household. The second chart shows the greenhouse gas emissions which result from this energy use.

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

Australian household energy use



Australian household greenhouse gas emissions



Part 2

It is important for children to learn the difference between right and wrong at an early age. Punishment is necessary to help them learn this distinction.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

What sort of punishment should parents and teachers be allowed to use to teach good behaviour to children?

Test 2

Part 1

The tables below give information about sales of Fairtrade-labelled coffee and bananas in 1999 and 2004 in five European countries.

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

Sales of Fairtrade-labelled coffee and bananas (1999 & 2004)

Coffee	1999 (millions of euros)	2004 (millions of euros)
UK	1.5	20
Switzerland	3	6
Denmark	1.8	2
Belgium	1	1.7
Sweden	0.8	1

Bananas	1999 (millions of euros)	2004 (millions of euros)
UK	15	47
Switzerland	1	5.5
Belgium	0.6	4
Sweden	1.8	1
Denmark	2	0.9

* Fairtrade: a category of products for which farmers from developing countries have been paid an officially agreed fair price.

Part 2

Some people think that all university students should study whatever they like. Others believe that they should only be allowed to study subjects that will be useful in the future, such as those related to science and technology.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

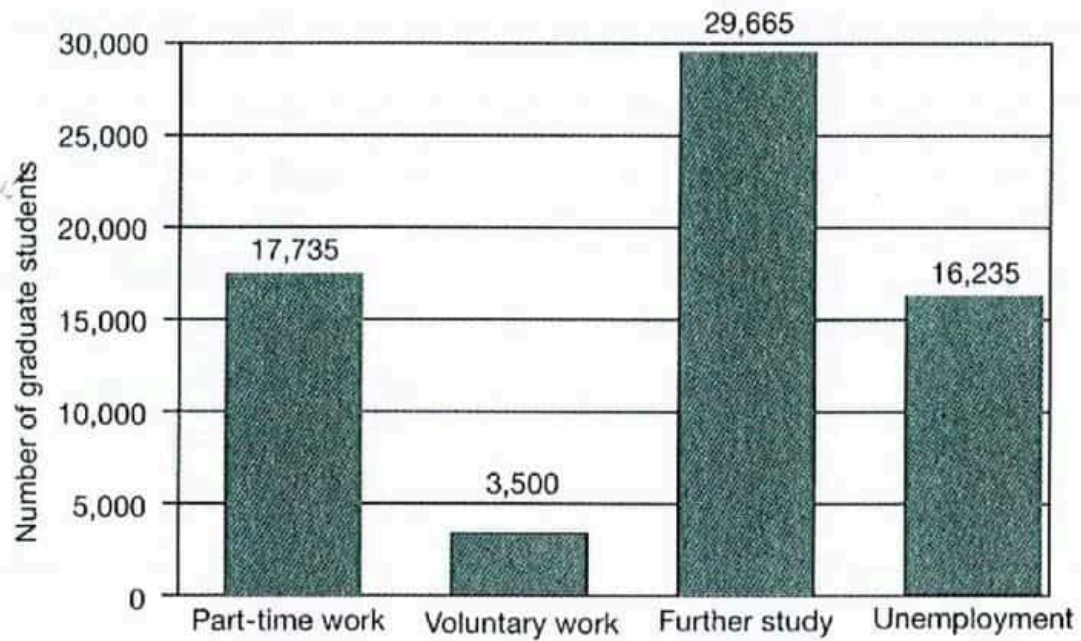
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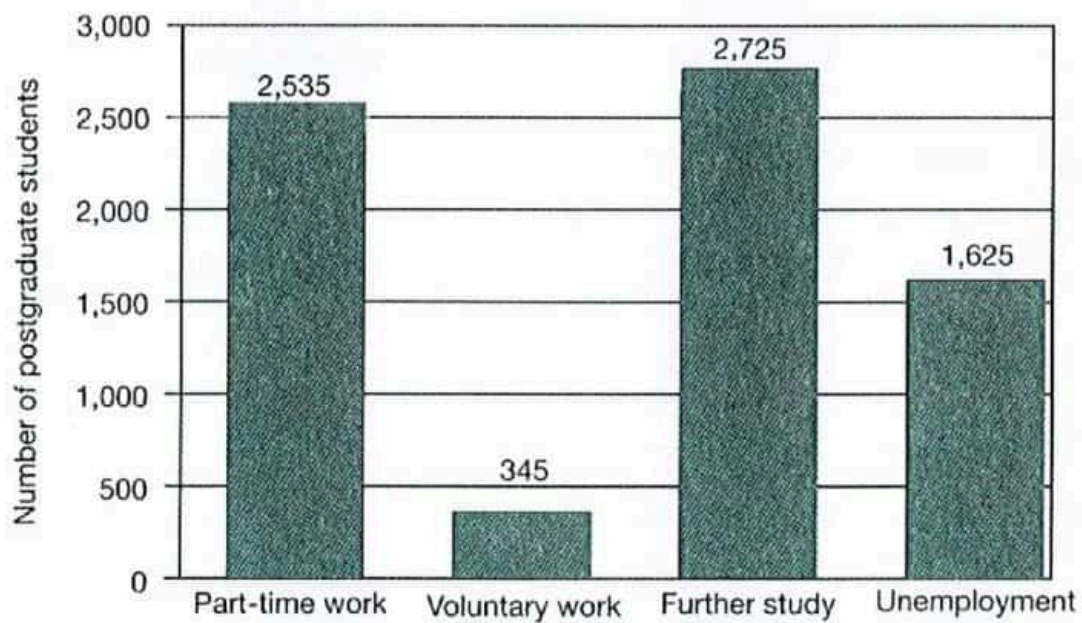
The charts below show what UK graduate and postgraduate students who did not go into full-time work did after leaving college in 2008

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

Destination of UK graduates (excluding full-time work) 2008



Destination of UK postgraduates (excluding full-time work) 2008



Part 2

Countries are becoming more and more similar because people can buy the same products anywhere in the world.

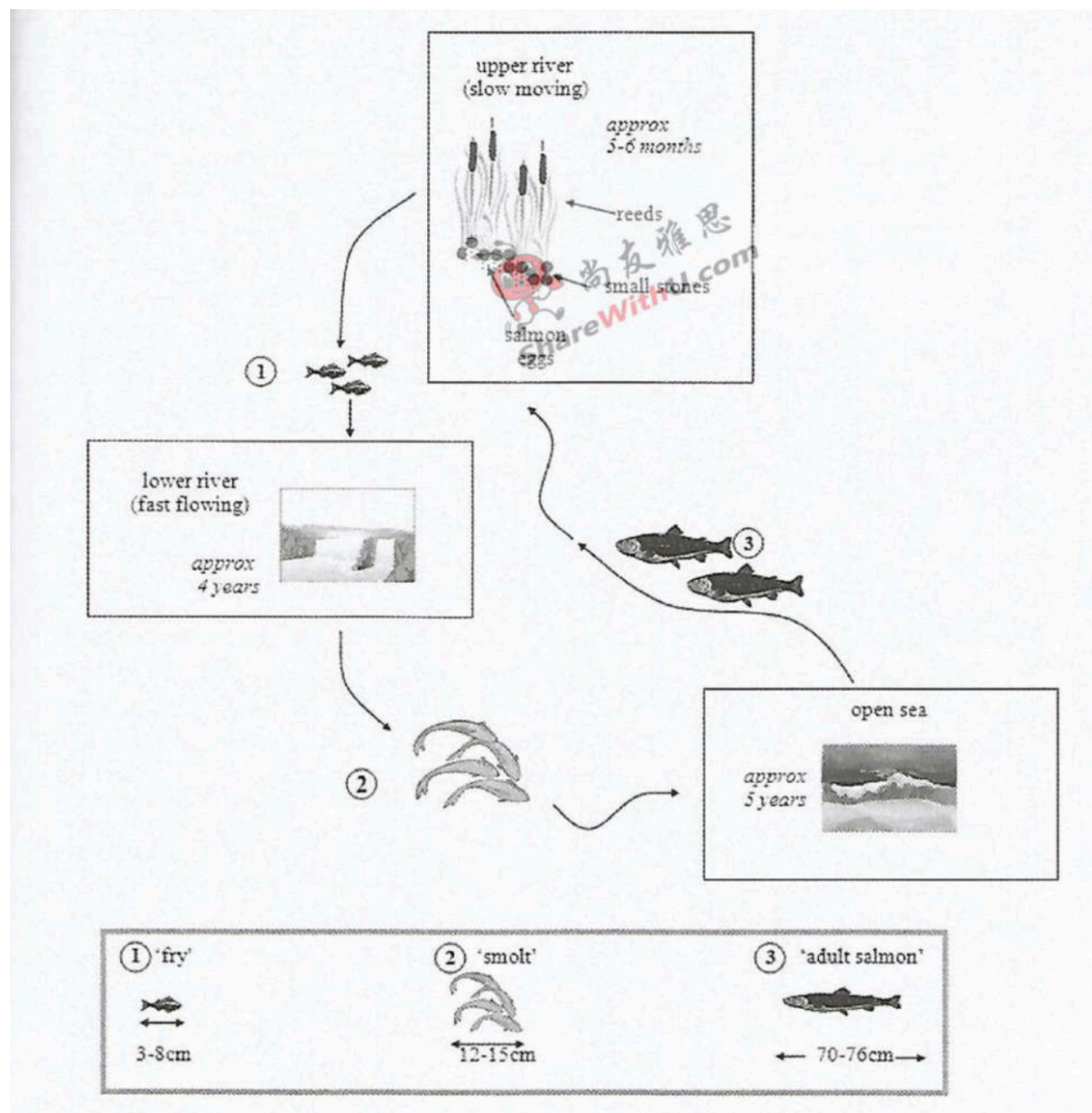
Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Test 4

Part 1

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

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



Part 2

Many museums charge for admission while others are free.

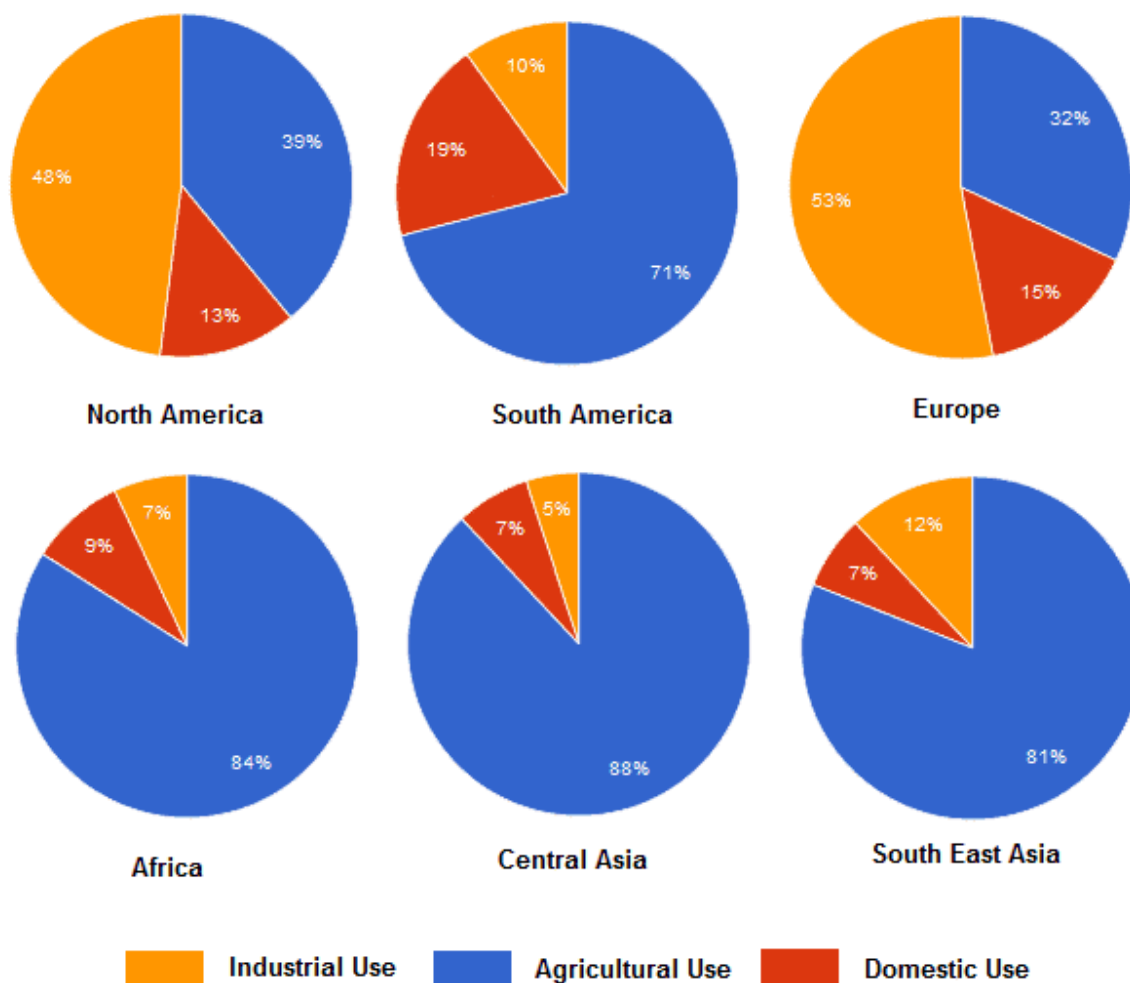
Do you think the advantages of charging people for admission to museums outweigh the disadvantages?

Test 5

Part 1

The charts below show the percentage of water used for different purposes in six areas of the world.

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



Part 2

Governments should spend money on railways rather than roads.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

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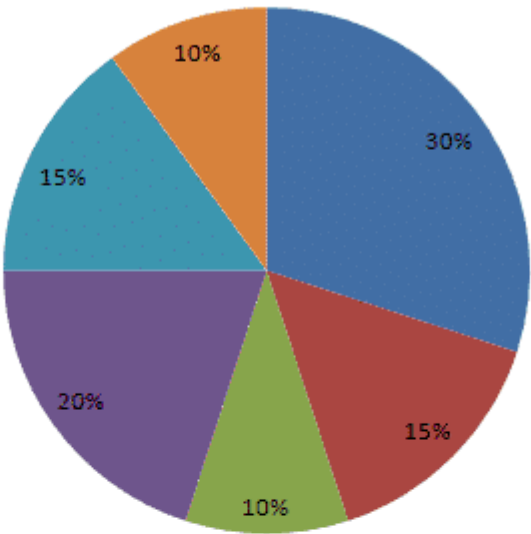
Part 1

The charts below show the proportions of British students at one university in England who were able to speak other languages in addition to English, in 2000 and 2010.

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

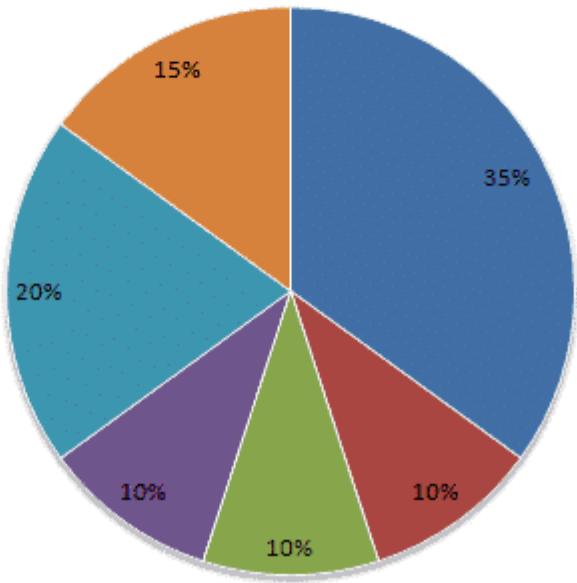
2000

No other language French only German only
Spanish only Another language Two other languages



2010

No other language French only German only
Spanish only Another language Two other languages



Part 2

Some people claim that not enough of the waste from homes is recycled. They say that the only way to increase recycling is for governments to make it a legal requirement.

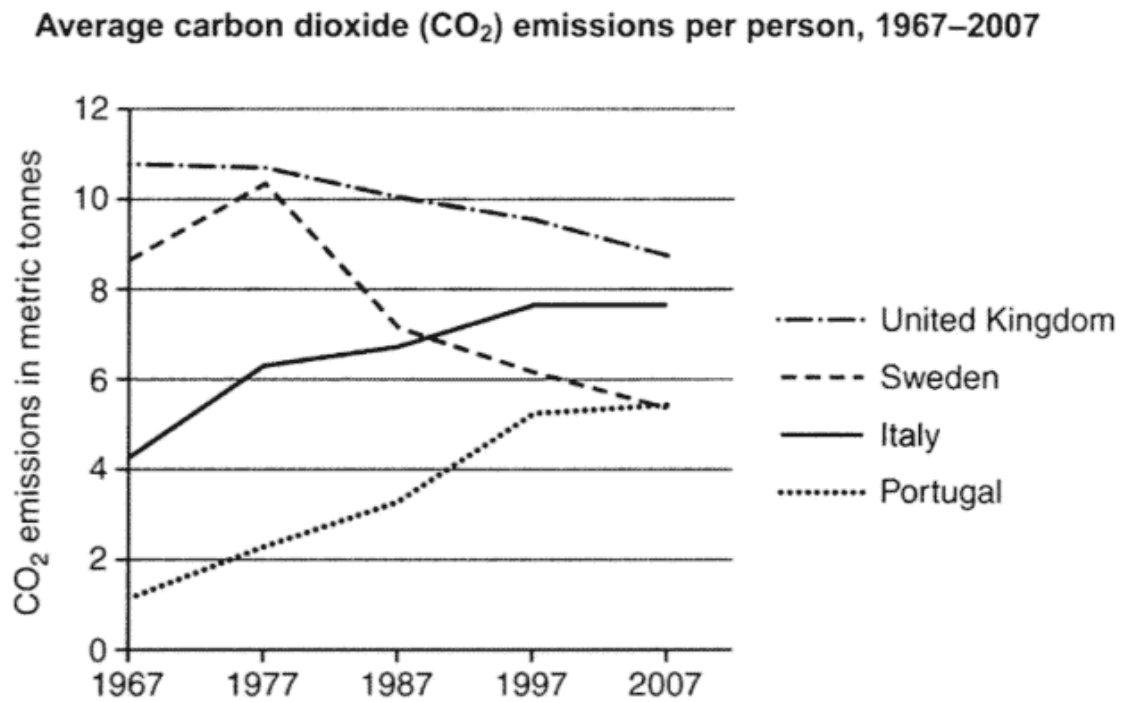
To what extent do you think laws are needed to make people recycle more of their waste?

Test 7

Part 1

The graph below shows the average carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions per person in the United Kingdom, Sweden, Italy and Portugal between 1967 and 2007.

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



Part 2

Some people say that the only reason for learning a foreign language is in order to travel to or work in a foreign country. Others say that these are not the only reasons why someone should learn a foreign language.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion

Test 8

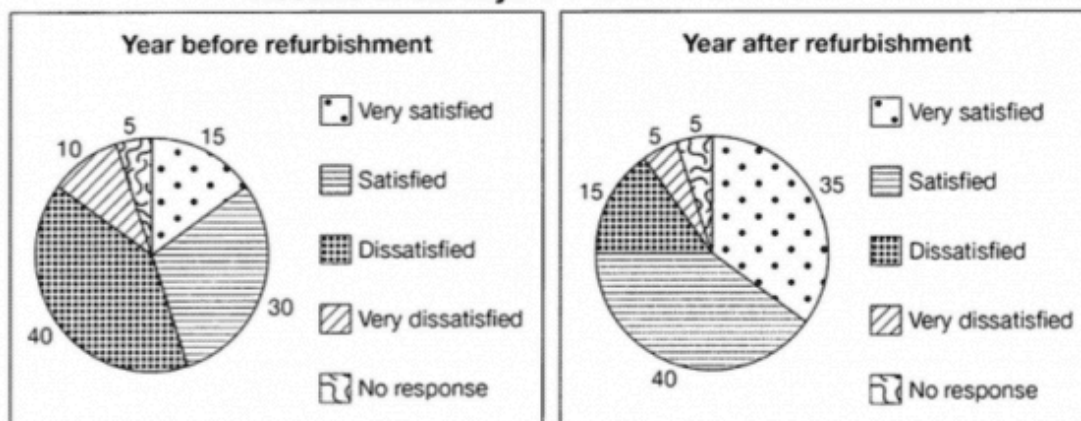
Part 1

The table below shows the numbers of visitors to Ashdown Museum during the year before and the year after it was refurbished. The charts show the result of surveys asking visitors who satisfied they were with their visit, during the same two periods.

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

Total number of visitors to Ashdown Museum	
During the year before refurbishment:	74,000
During the year after refurbishment:	92,000

Results of surveys of visitor satisfaction



Part 2

Many governments think that economic progress is their most important goal. Some people, however, think that other types of progress are equally important for a country.

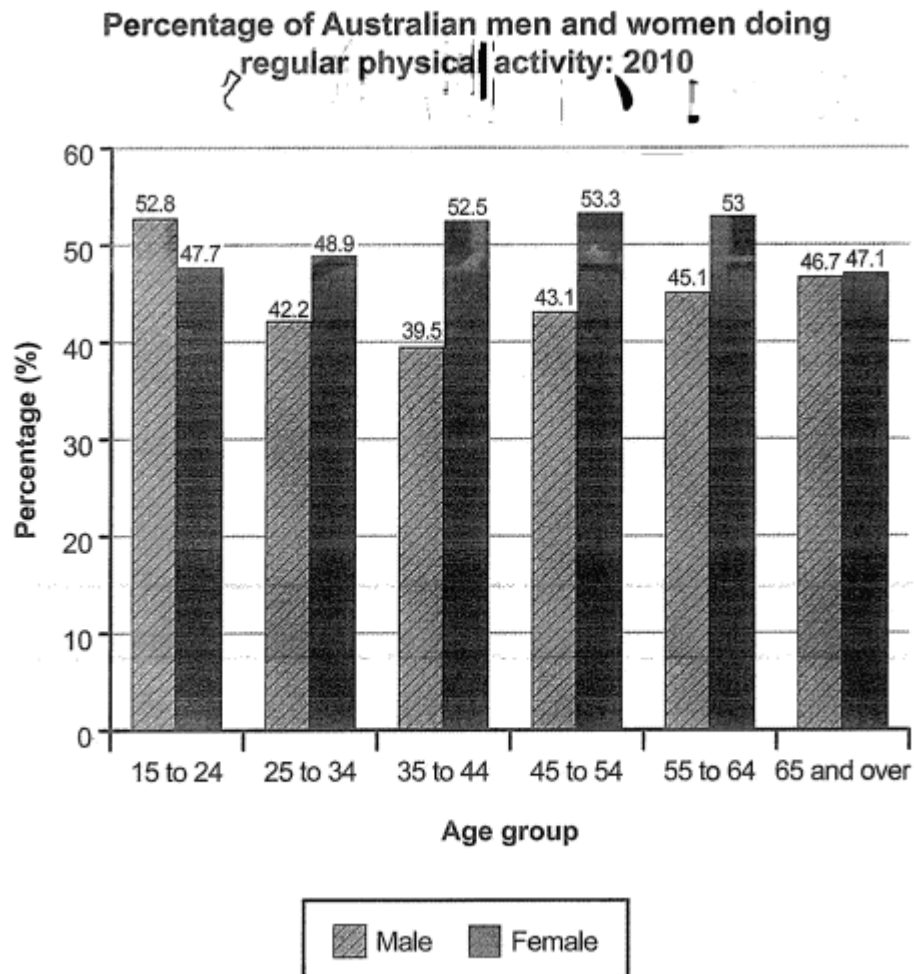
Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Test 9

Part 1

The bar chart below shows the percentage of Australian men and women in different age groups who did regular physical activity in 2010.

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



Part 2

Some people believe that it is good to share as much information as possible in scientific research, business and the academic world. Others believe that some information is too important or too valuable to be shared freely.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

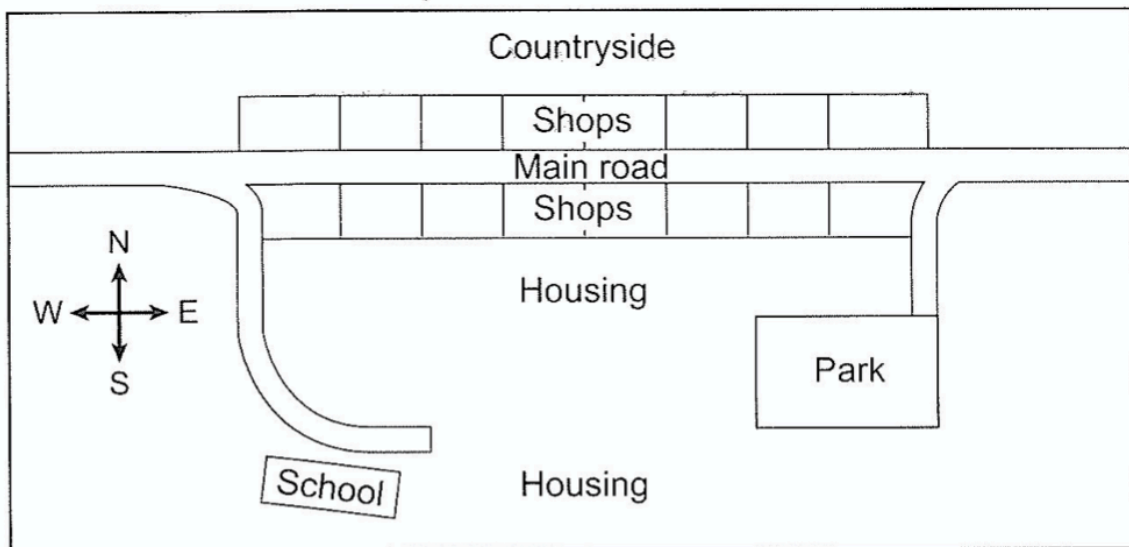
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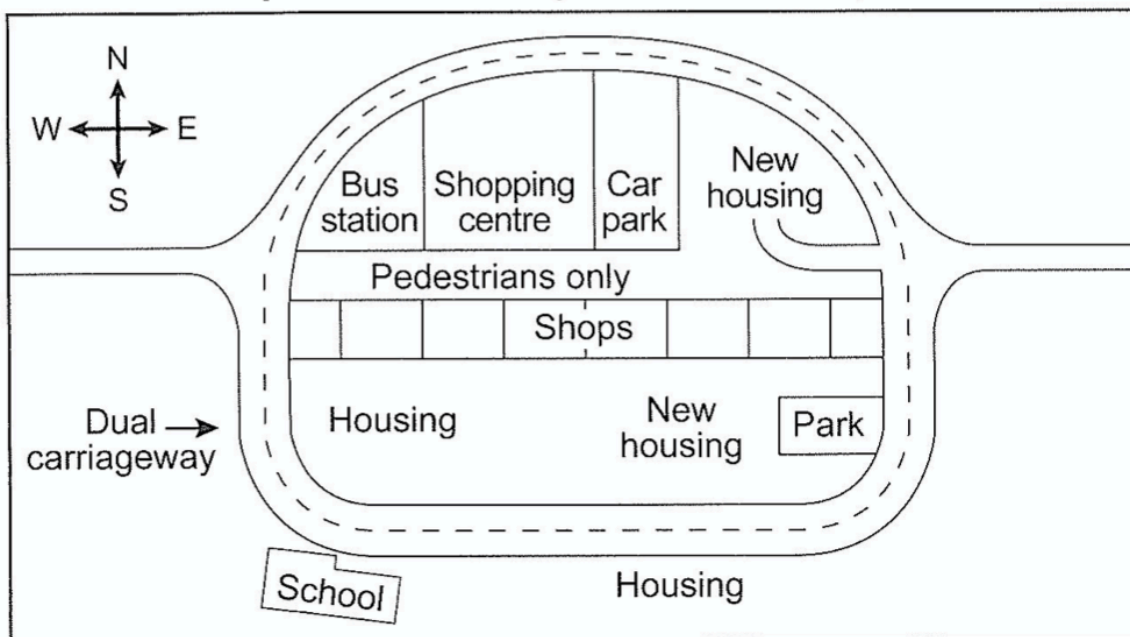
The maps below show the centre of a small town called Islip as it is now, and plans for its development.

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

Islip town centre now



Islip town centre: planned development



Part 2

At the present time, the population of some countries includes a relatively large number of young adults, compared with the number of older people.

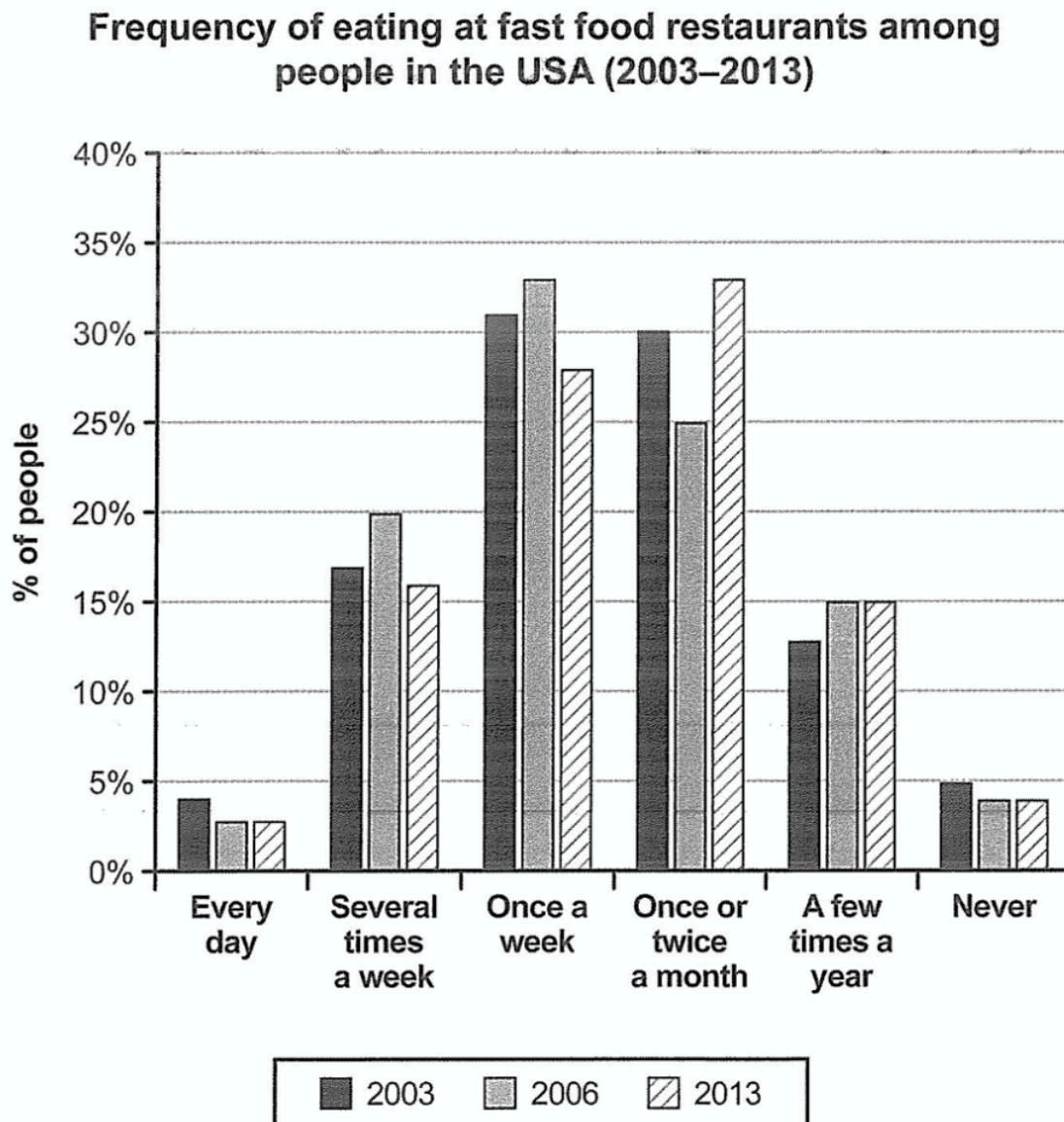
Do the advantages of this situation outweigh the disadvantages?

Test 11

Part 1

The chart below shows how frequently people in the USA ate in fast food restaurants between 2003 and 2013.

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



Part 2

In a number of countries, some people think it is necessary to spend large sums of money on constructing new railway lines for very fast trains between cities. Others believe the money should be spent on improving existing public transport.

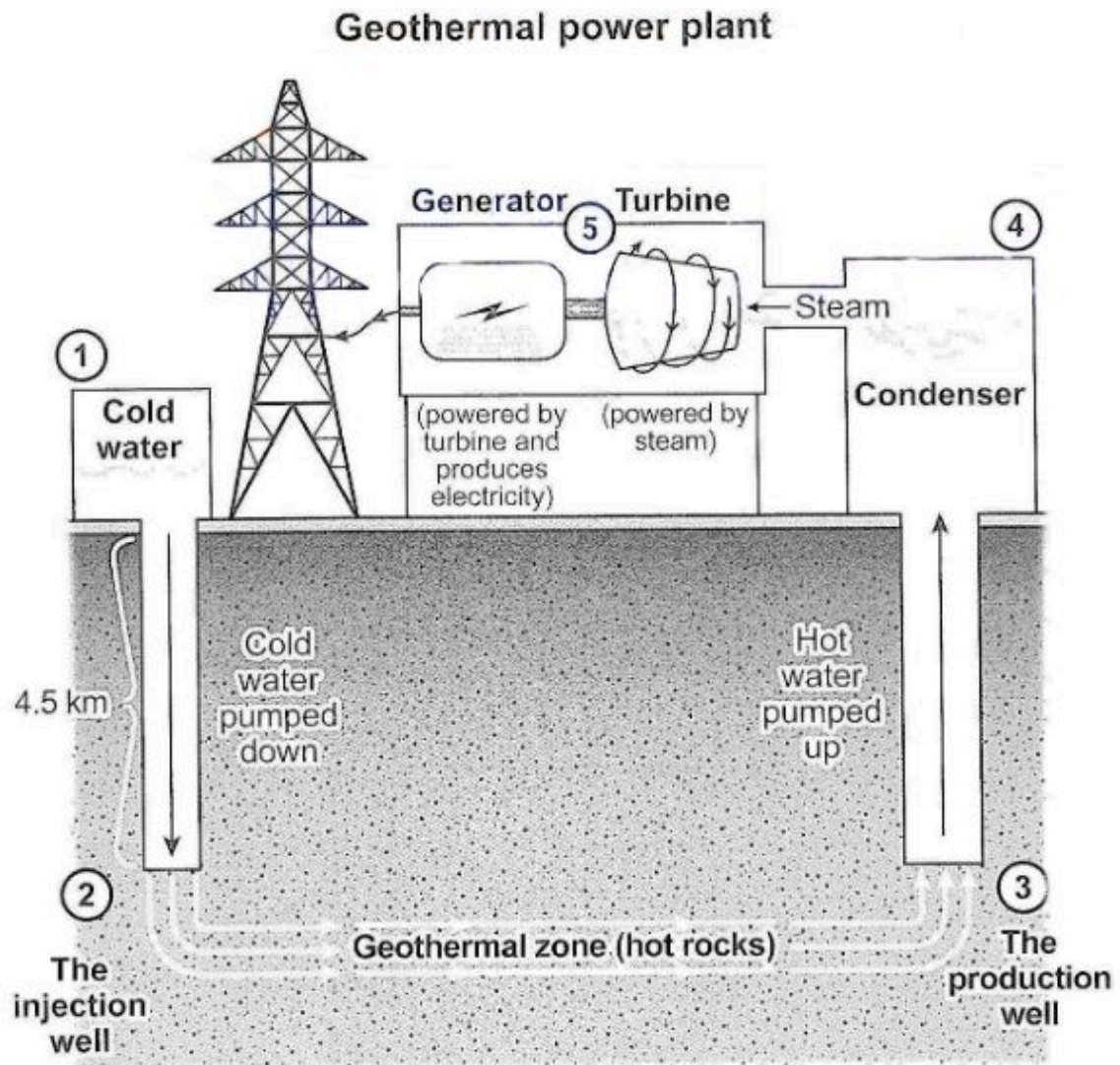
Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Test 12

Part 1

The diagram below shows how geothermal energy is used to produce electricity.

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



Part 2

Some people believe that allowing children to make their own choices on everyday matters (such as food, clothes and entertainment) is likely to result in a society of individuals who only think about their own wishes. Other people believe that it is important for children to make decisions about matters that affect them.

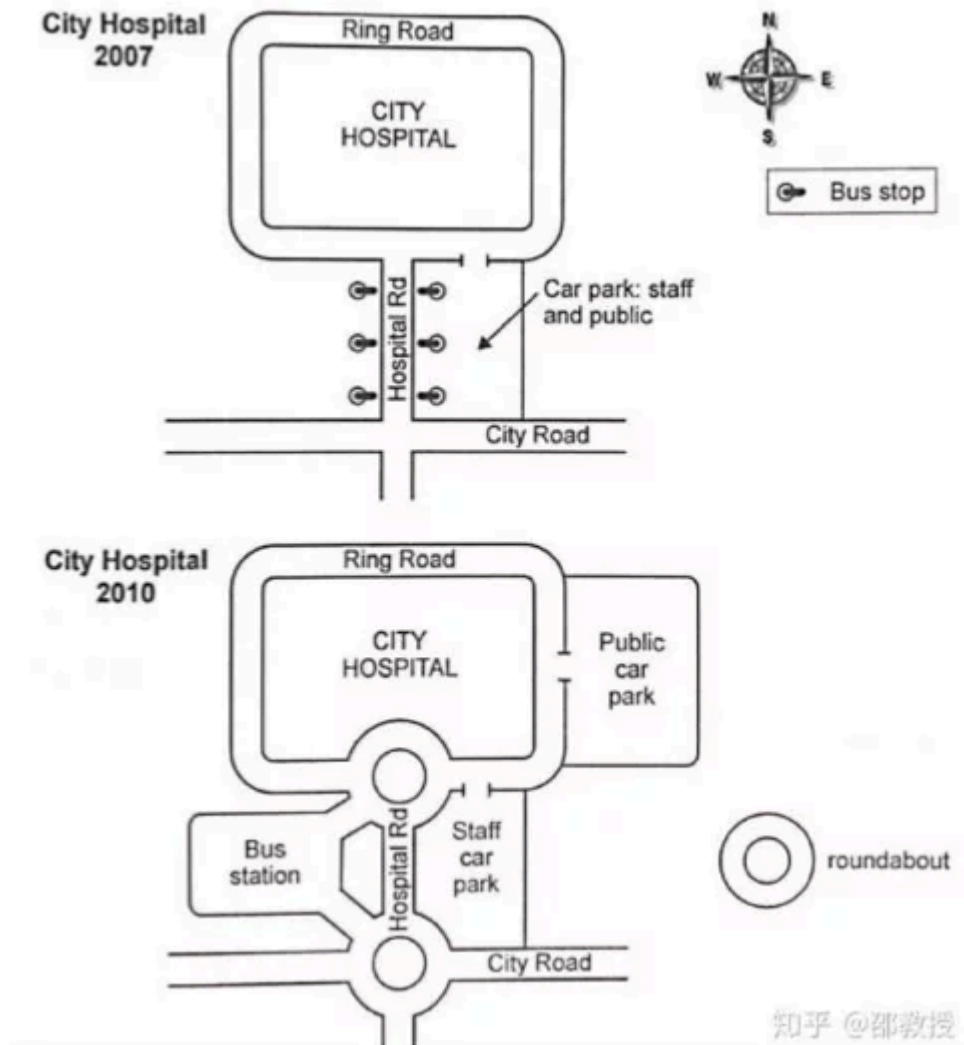
Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Test 13

Part 1

The two maps below show road access to a city hospital in 2007 and in 2010.

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



Part 2

Living in a country where you have to speak a foreign language can cause serious social problems, as well as practical problems.

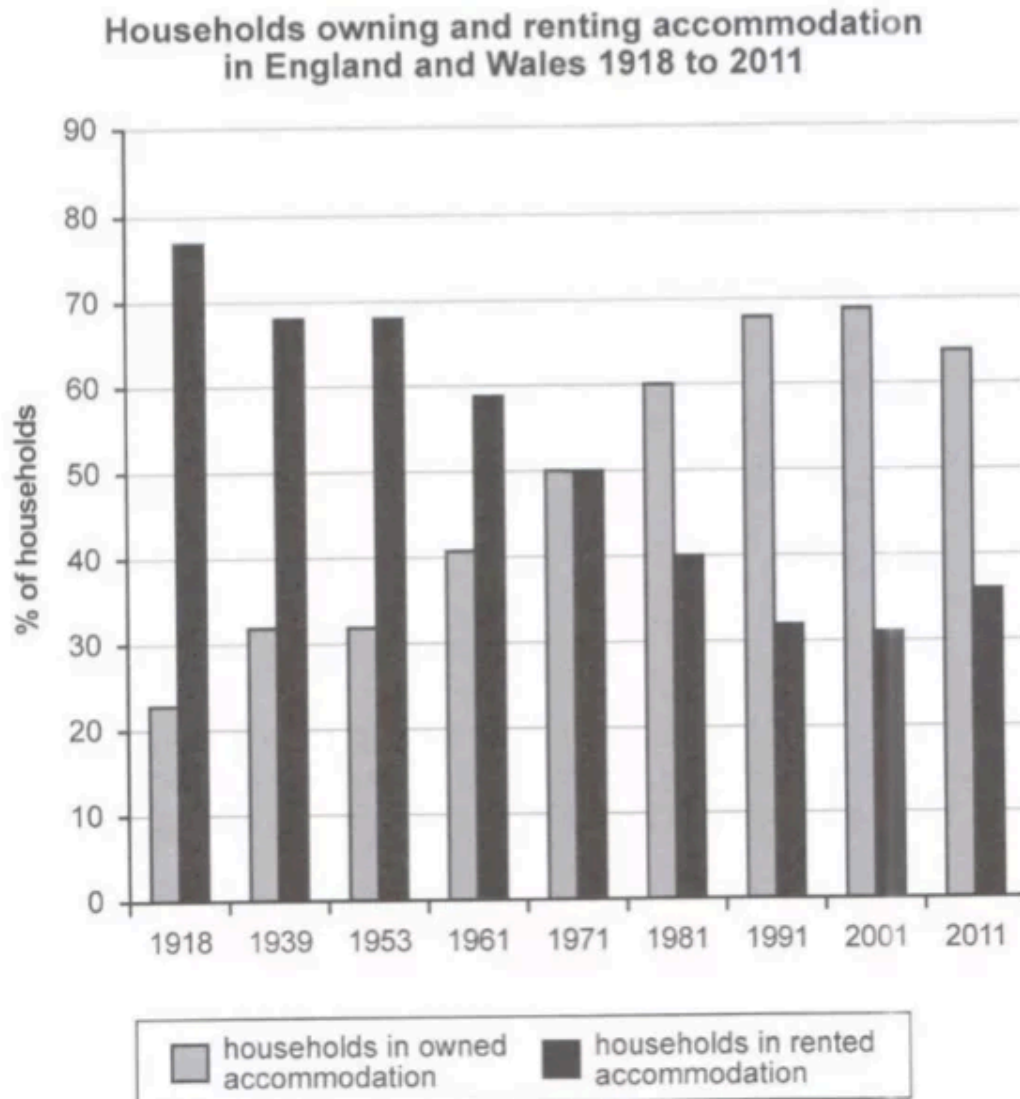
To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Test 14

Part 1

The chart below shows the percentage of households in owned and rented accommodation in England and Wales between 1918 and 2011.

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



Part 2

Some people believe that nowadays we have too many choices.

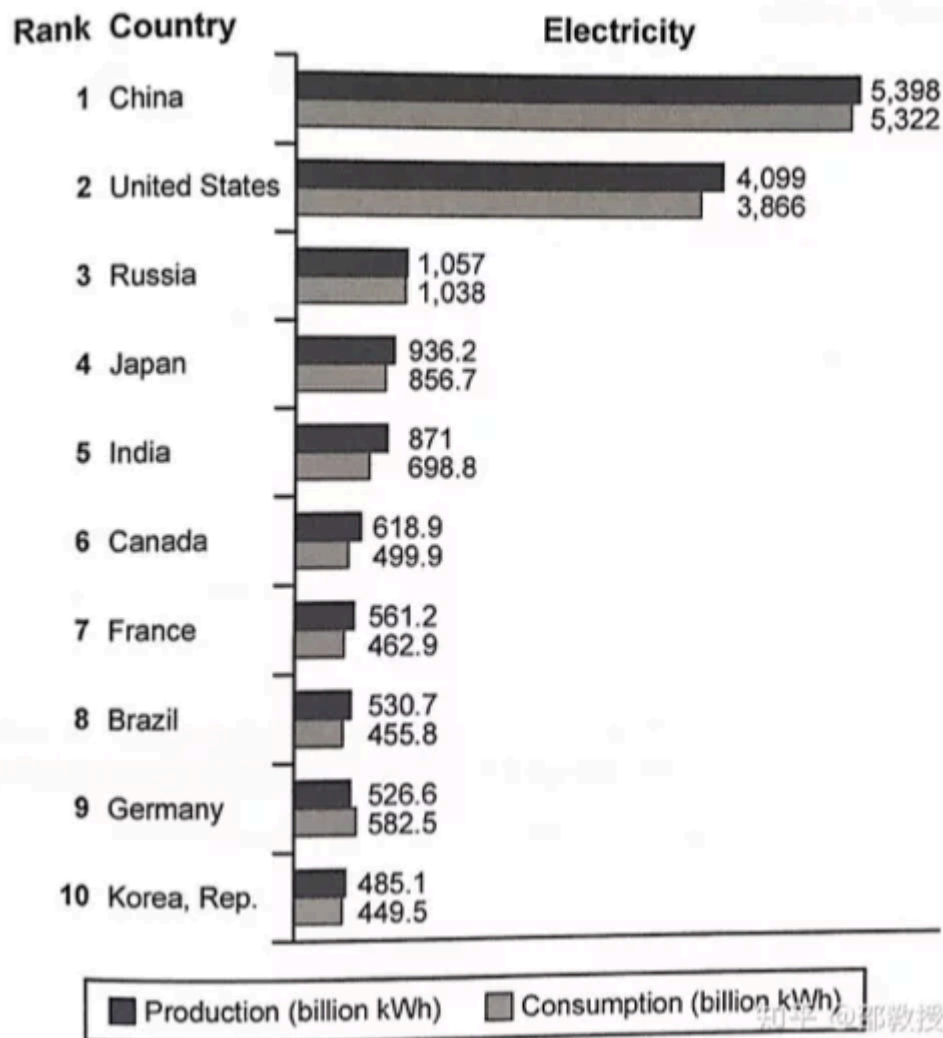
To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Test 15

Part 1

The bar chart below shows the top ten countries for the production and consumption of electricity in 2014.

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



Part 2

Some people say History is one the most important school subjects. Other people think that, in today's world, subjects like Science and Technology are more important than History.

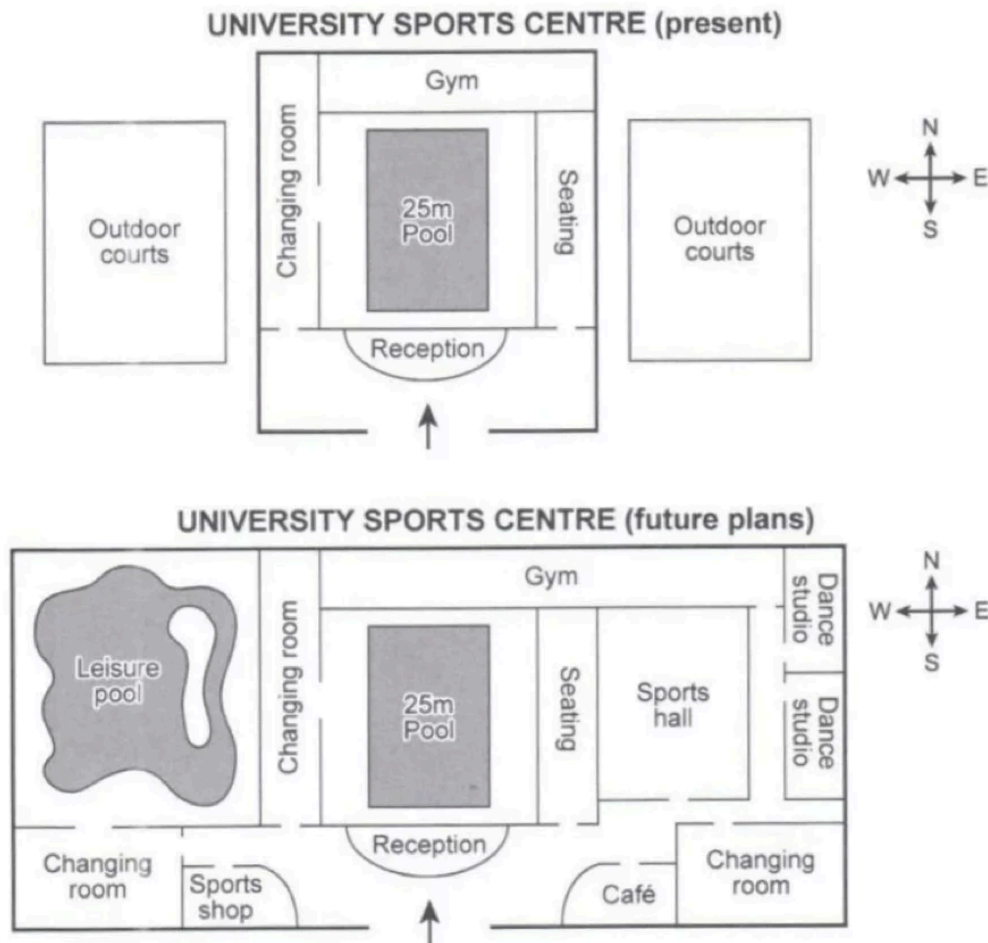
Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Test 16

Part 1

The plans below show the layout of a university's sports centre now, and how it will look after redevelopment.

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



Part 2

In spite of the advances made in agriculture, many people around the world still go hungry.

Why is this the case? What can be done about this problem?

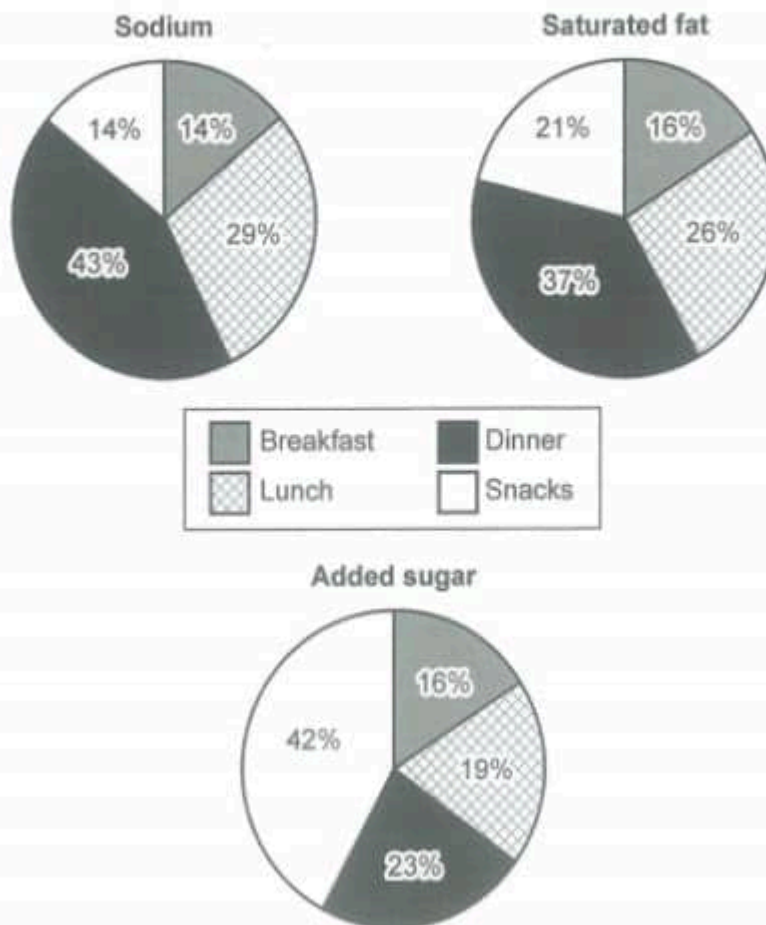
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Part 1

The chart below show the average percentages in typical meals of three types of nutrients, all of which may be unhealthy if eaten too much.

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

Average percentages of sodium, saturated fats and added sugars in typical meals consumed in the USA



Part 2

Some people believe that it is best to accept a bad situation, such as an unsatisfactory job or shortage of money. Others argue that it is better to try and improve such situations.

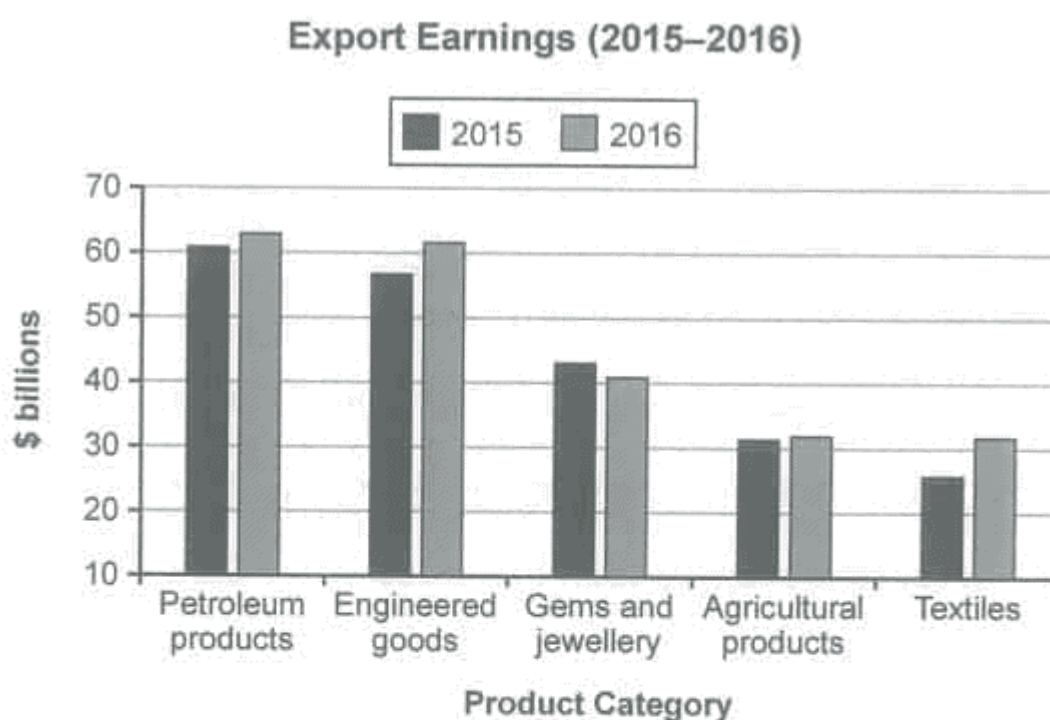
Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Test 18

Part 1

The chart below shows the value of one country's exports in various categories during 2015 and 2016. The table shows the percentage change in each category of exports in 2016 compared with 2015.

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



Percentage change in values (2015–2016)	
Petroleum products	↑ 3%
Engineered goods	↑ 8.5%
Gems and jewellery	↓ 5.18%
Agricultural products	↑ 0.81%
Textiles	↑ 15.24%

Part 2

Some people say that the main environmental problem of our time is the loss of particular species of plants and animals. Others say that there are more important environmental problems.

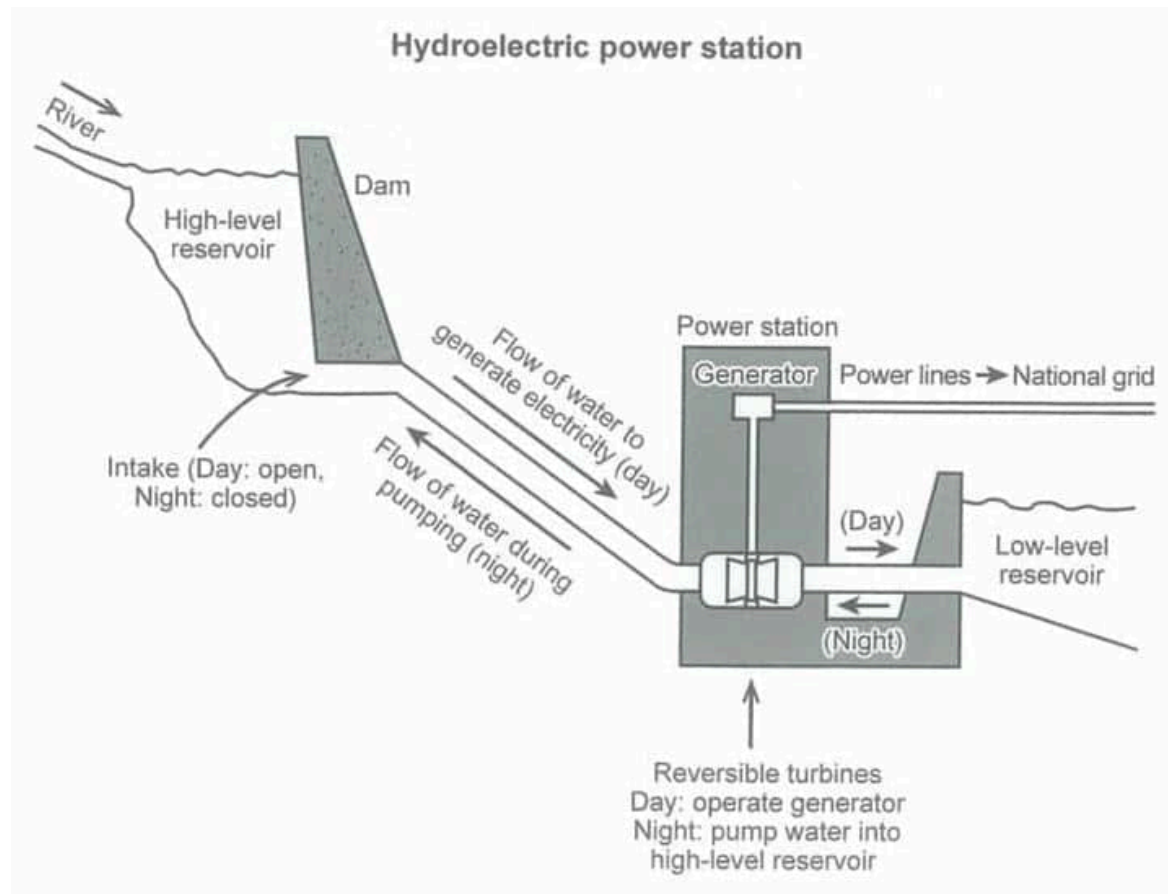
Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Test 19

Part 1

The diagram below shows how electricity is generated in a hydroelectric power station.

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



Part 2

Some people say that music is a good way of bringing people of different cultures and ages together.

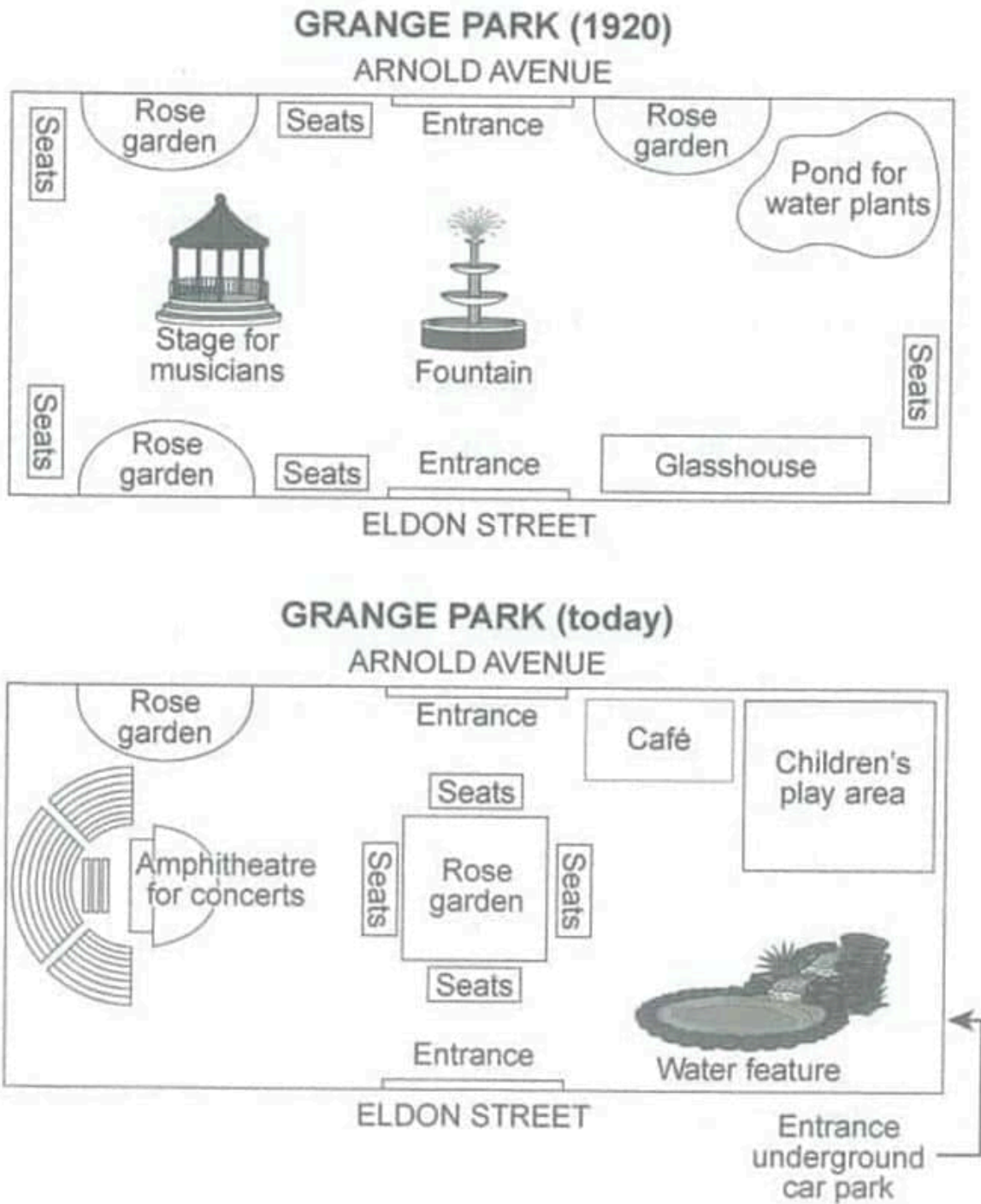
To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Test 20

Part 1

The plans below show a public park when it first opened in 1920 and the same park today.

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



Part 2

Nowadays many people choose to be self-employed, rather than to work for a company or organisation.

Why might this be the case?

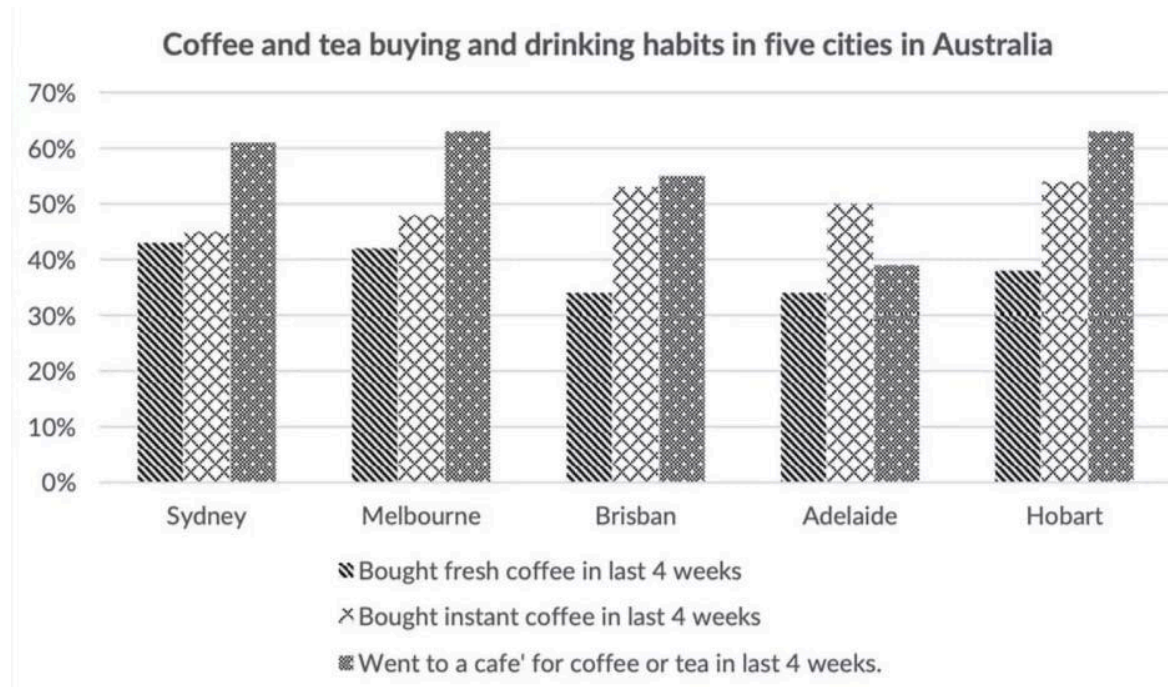
What could be the disadvantages of being self-employed?

Test 21

Part 1

The chart below shows the results of a survey about people's coffee and tea buying and drinking habits in five Australian cities.

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



Part 2

In some countries, owning a home rather than renting one is very important for people.

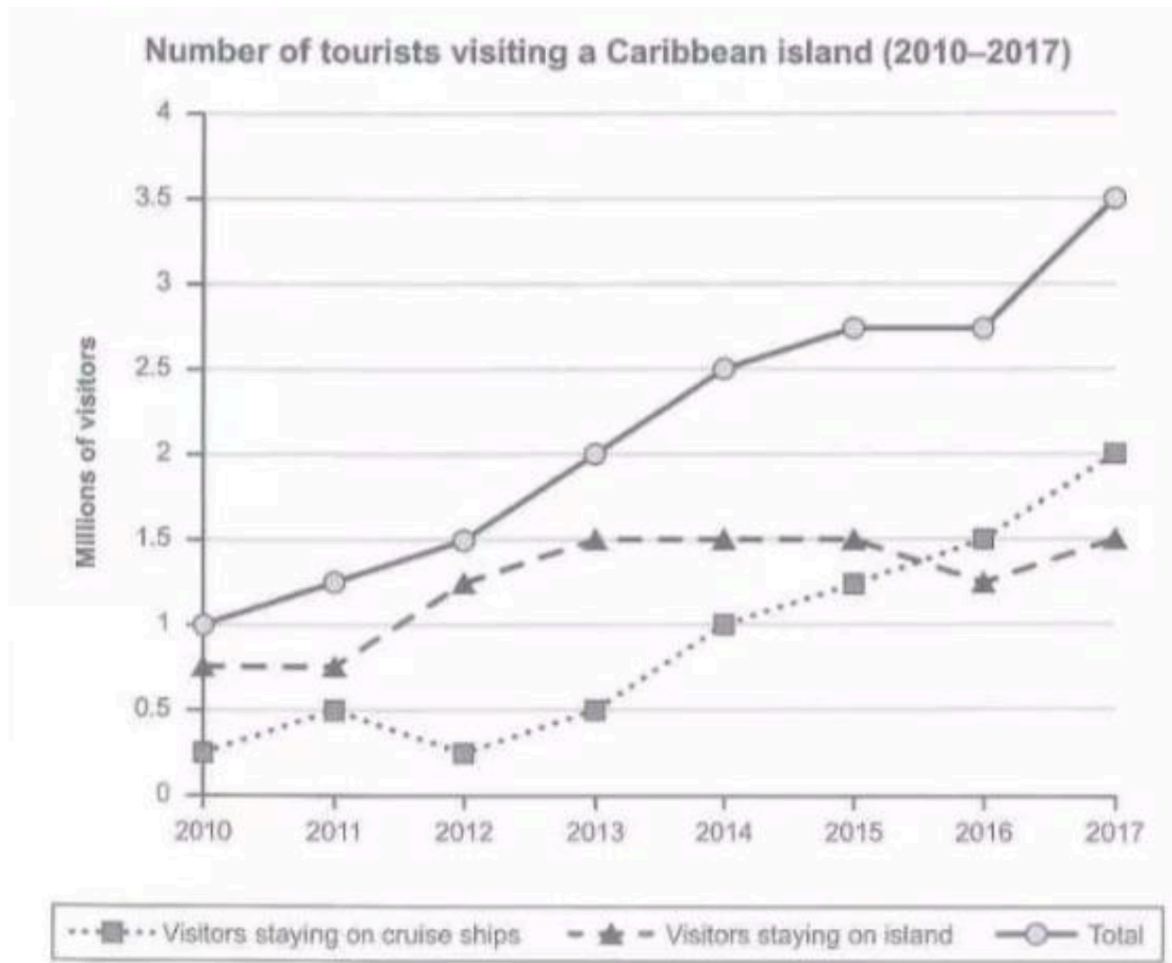
Why might this be the case? Do you think this is a positive or negative situation?

Test 22

Part 1

The graph below shows the number of tourists visiting a particular Caribbean island between 2010 and 2017.

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



Part 2

In the future, nobody will buy printed books or newspapers because they will be able to read everything they want online without paying?

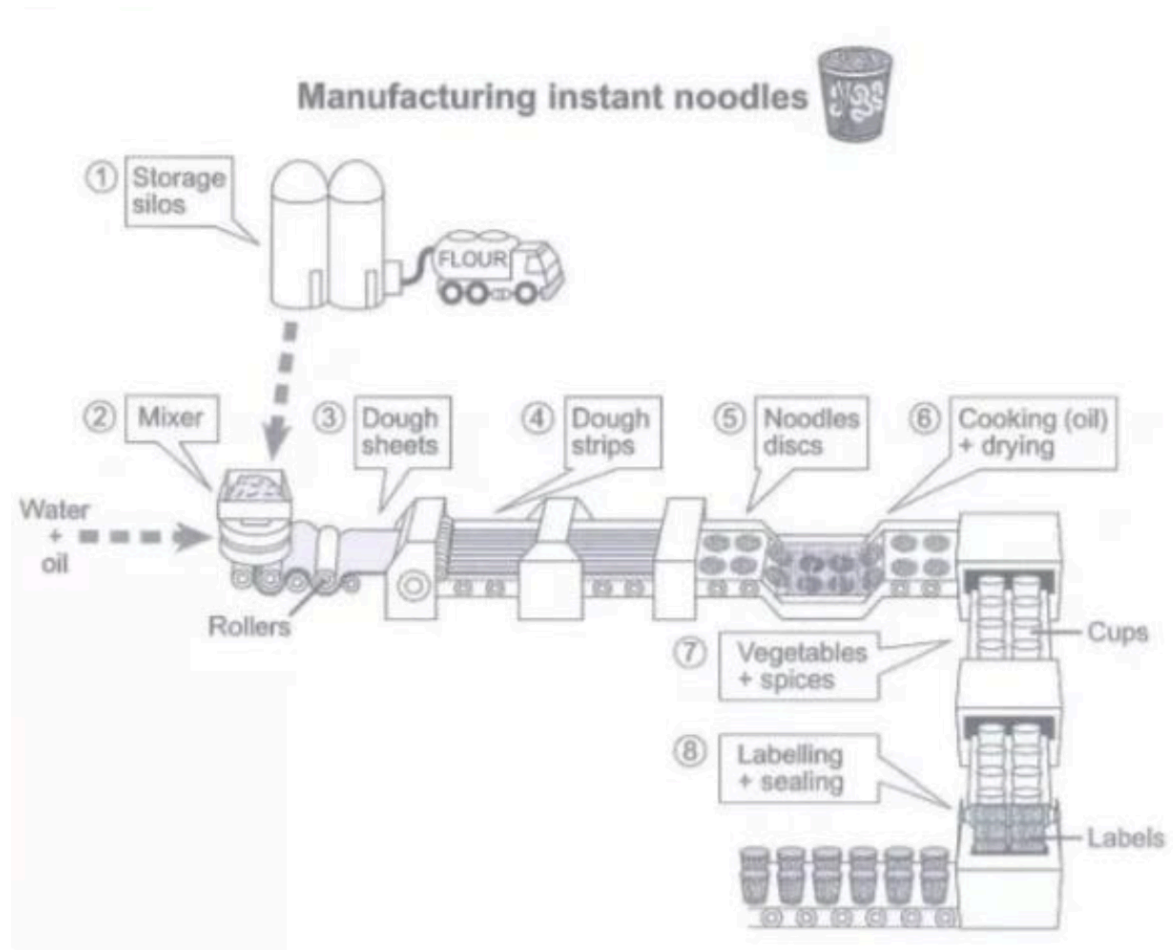
To what extent, do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Test 23

Part 1

The diagram shows how instant noodles are manufactured.

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



Part 2

Some people say that advertising is extremely successful at persuading us to buy things. Other people think that advertising is so common that we no longer pay attention to it.

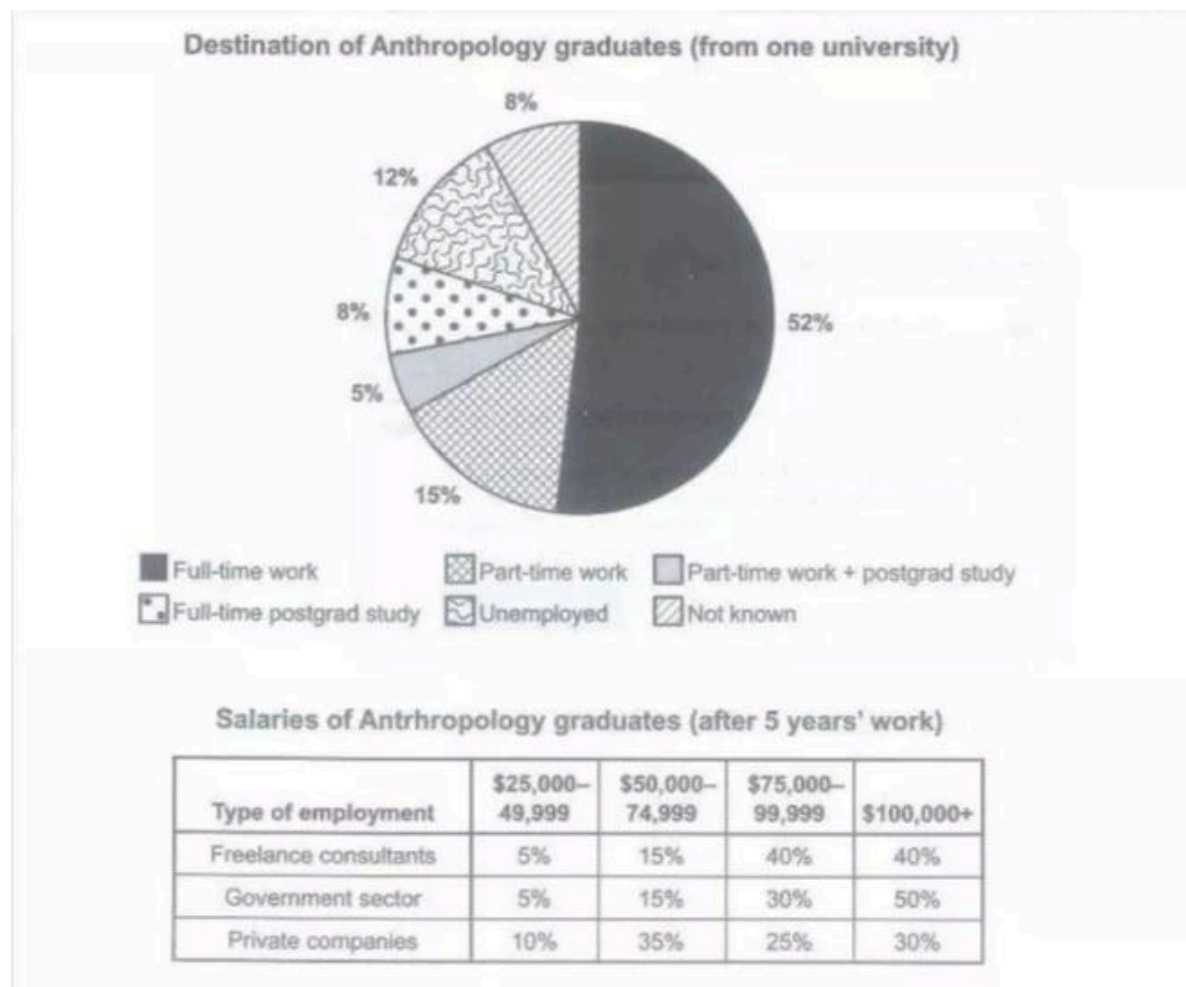
Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Test 24

Part 1

The chart below shows what Anthropology graduates from one university did after finishing their undergraduate degree course. The table shows the salaries of the anthropologists in work after five years.

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



Part 2

In some cultures, children are often told that they can achieve anything if they try hard enough. What are the advantages and disadvantages of giving children this message.

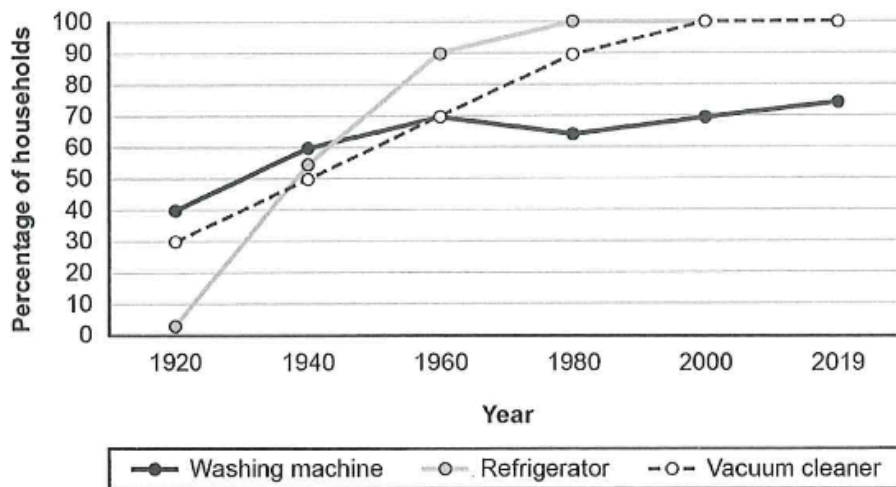
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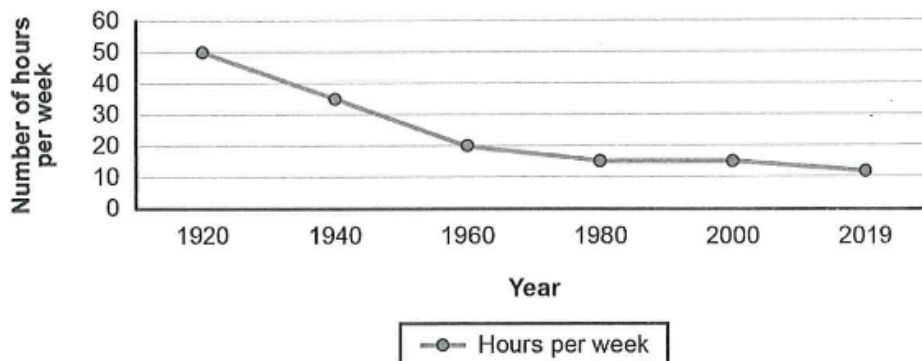
The charts below show the changes in ownership of electrical appliances and amount of time spent doing housework and households in one country between 1920 and 2019.

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

**Percentage of households with electrical appliances
(1920–2019)**



**Number of hours of housework* per week,
per household (1920–2019)**



*housework = washing clothes, preparing meals, cleaning

Part 2

In some countries, more and more people are becoming interested in finding out about the history of the house or building they live in.

What are the reasons for this?

How can people research this?

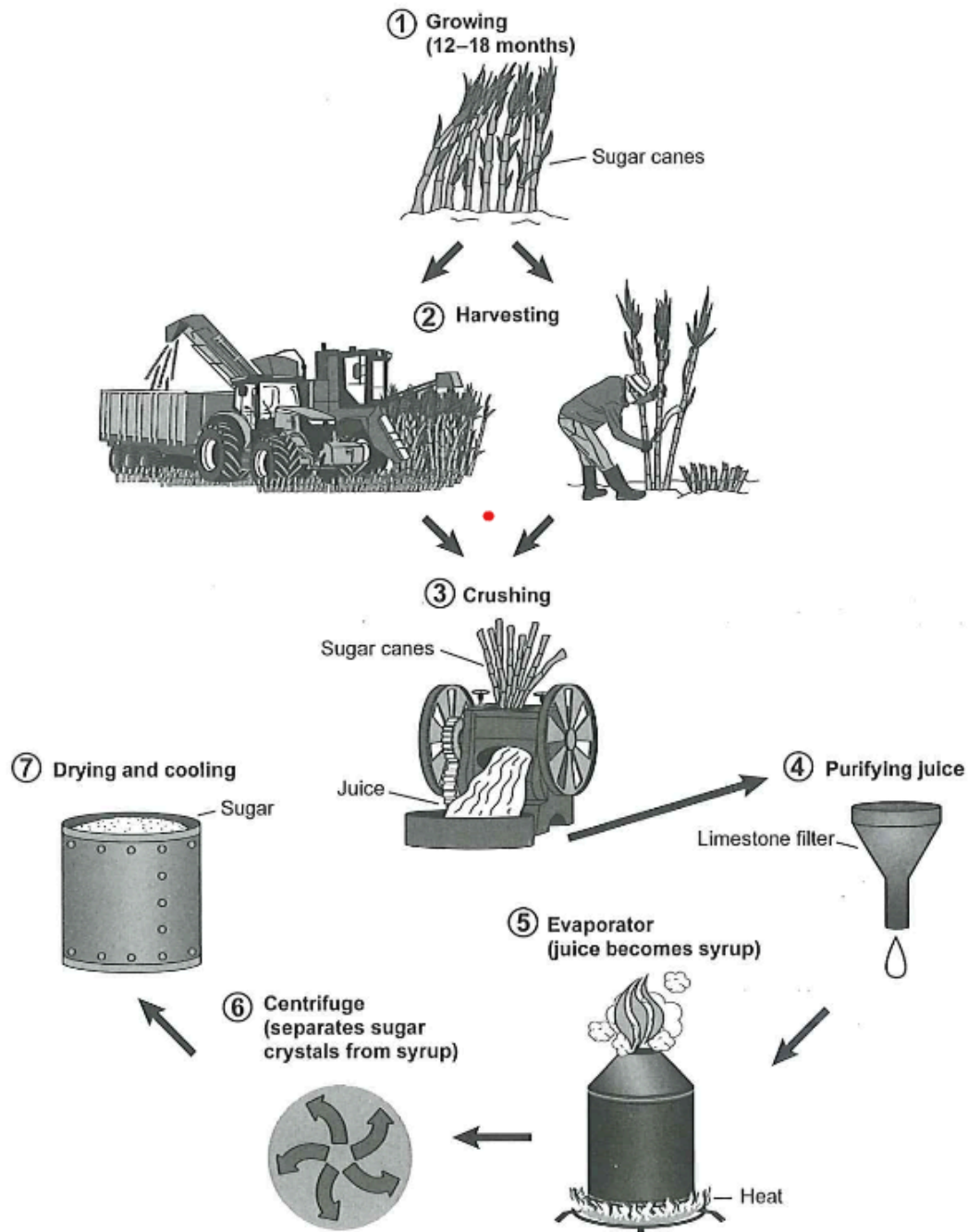
Test 26

Part 1

The diagram below shows the manufacturing process for making sugar from sugar cane.

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

How sugar is produced from sugar cane



Part 2

In their advertising, businesses nowadays usually emphasise that their products are new in some way.

Why is this? Do you think it is a positive or negative development?

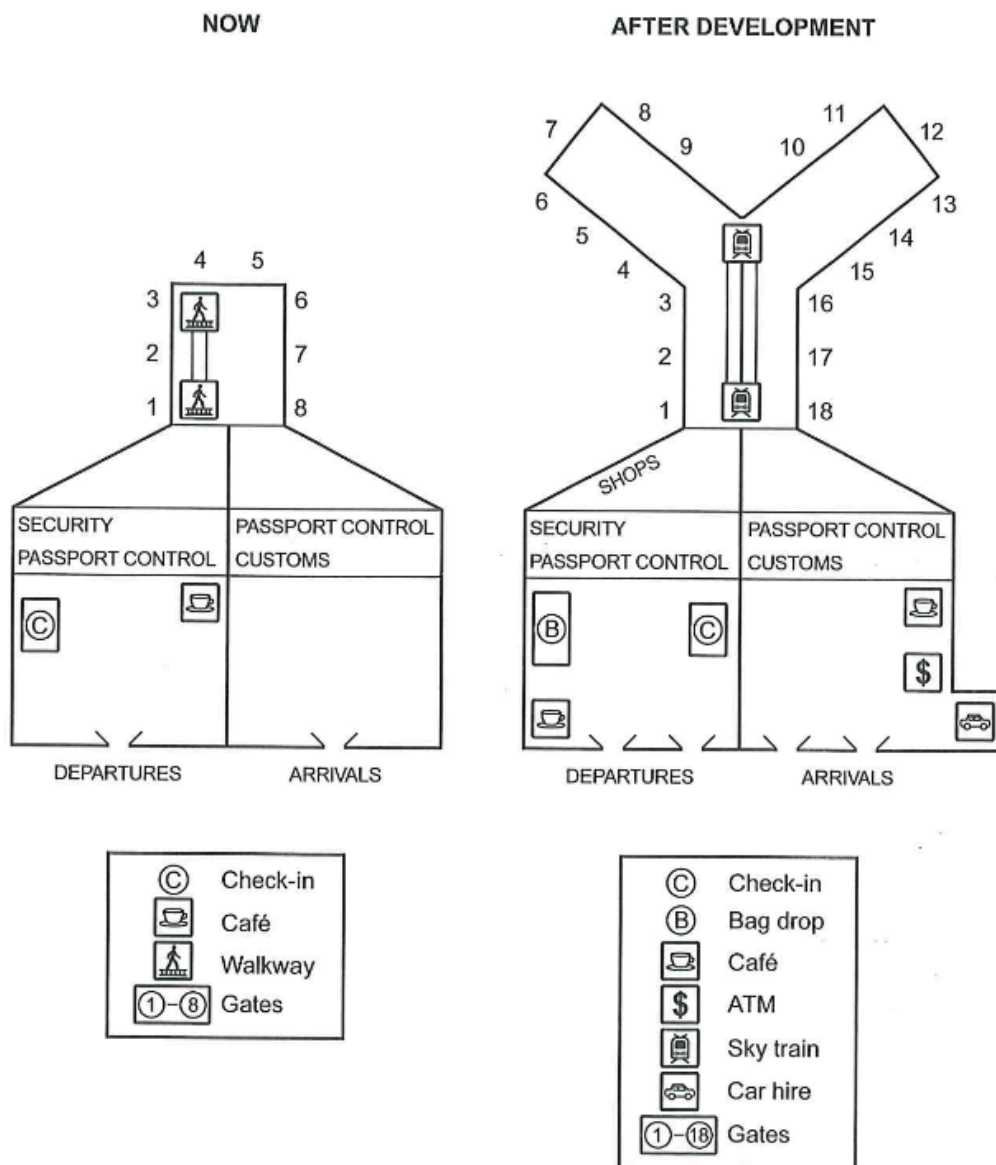
Test 27

Part 1

The plans below show the site of an airport now and how it will look after redevelopment next year.

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

SOUTHWEST AIRPORT



Part 2

Many manufactured food and drink products contain high levels of sugar, which causes many health problems. Sugary products should be made more expensive to encourage people to consume less sugar.

Do you agree or disagree?

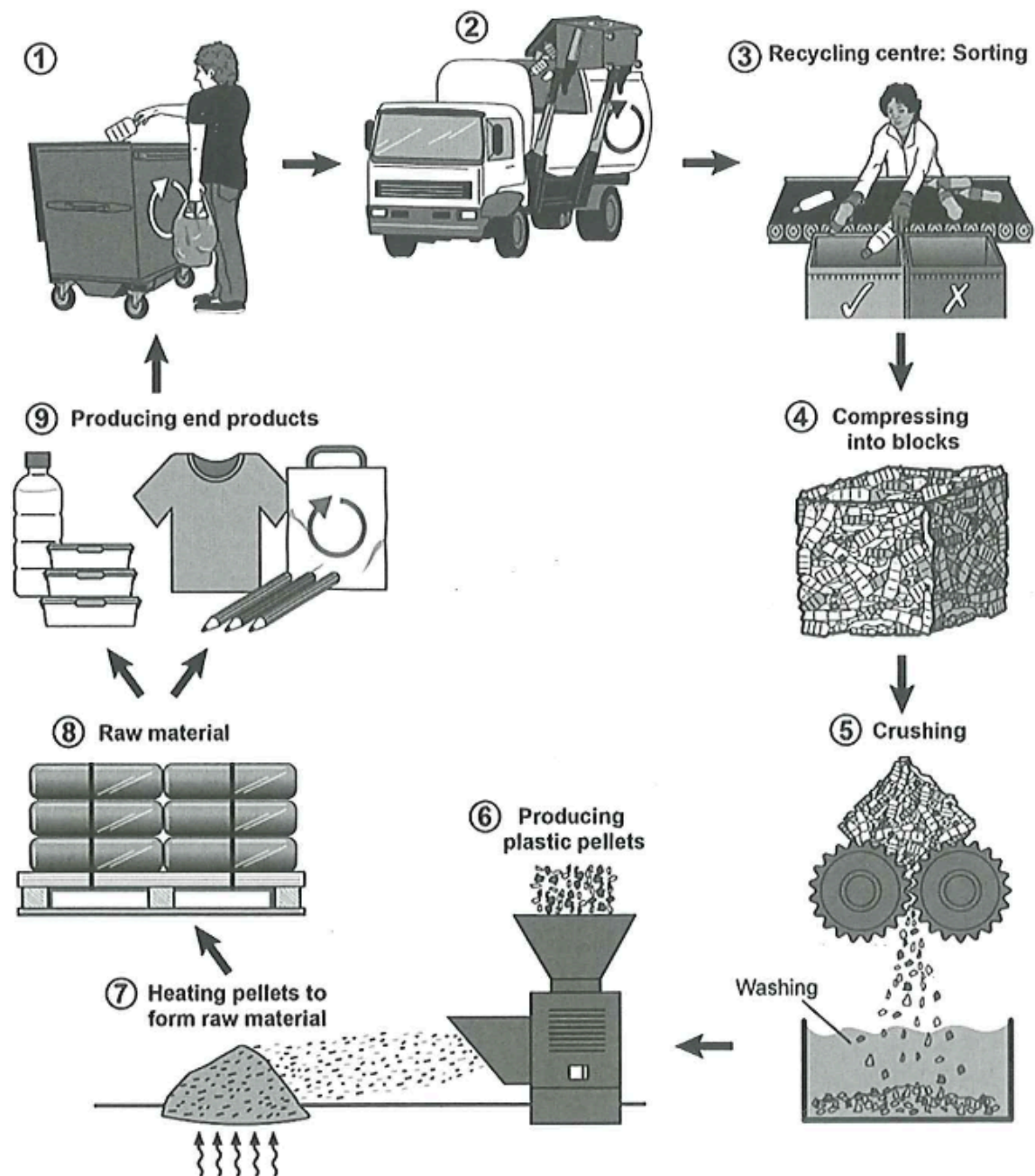
Test 28

Part 1

The diagram below shows the process for recycling plastic bottles.

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

How plastic bottles are recycled



Part 2

In the future all cars, buses and trucks will be driverless. The only people travelling inside these vehicles will be passengers.

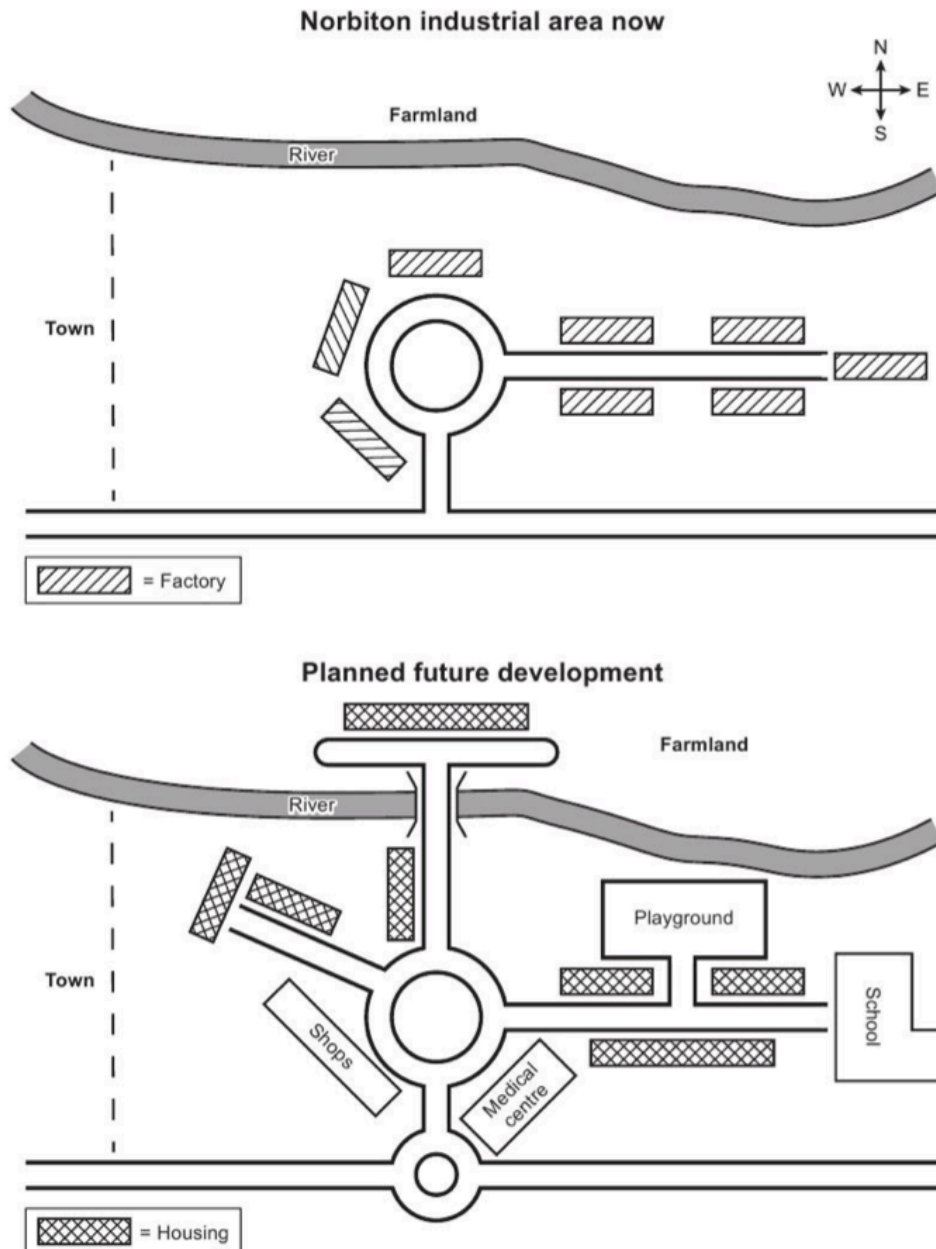
Do you think the advantages of driverless vehicles outweigh the disadvantages?

Test 29

Part 1

The maps below show an industrial area in the town of Norbiton, and planned future development of the site.

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



Part 2

It is important for people to take risks, both in their professional lives and their personal lives.

Do you think the advantages of taking risks outweigh the disadvantages?

Test 30

Part 1

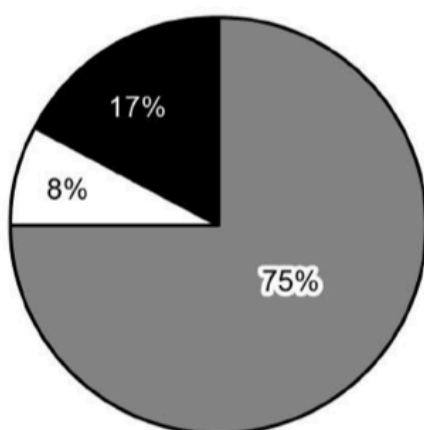
The table and charts below give information on the police budget for 2017 and 2018 in one area of Britain. The table shows where the money came from and the charts show how it was distributed.

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

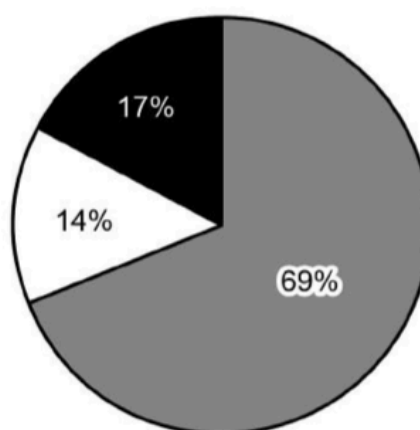
Police Budget 2017–2018 (in £m)

Sources	2017	2018
National Government	175.5m	177.8m
Local Taxes	91.2m	102.3m
Other sources (eg grants)	38m	38.5m
Total	304.7m	318.6m

How the money was spent



2017



2018



Part 2

Some children spend hours every day on their smartphones.

Why is this the case? Do you think this is a positive or a negative development?

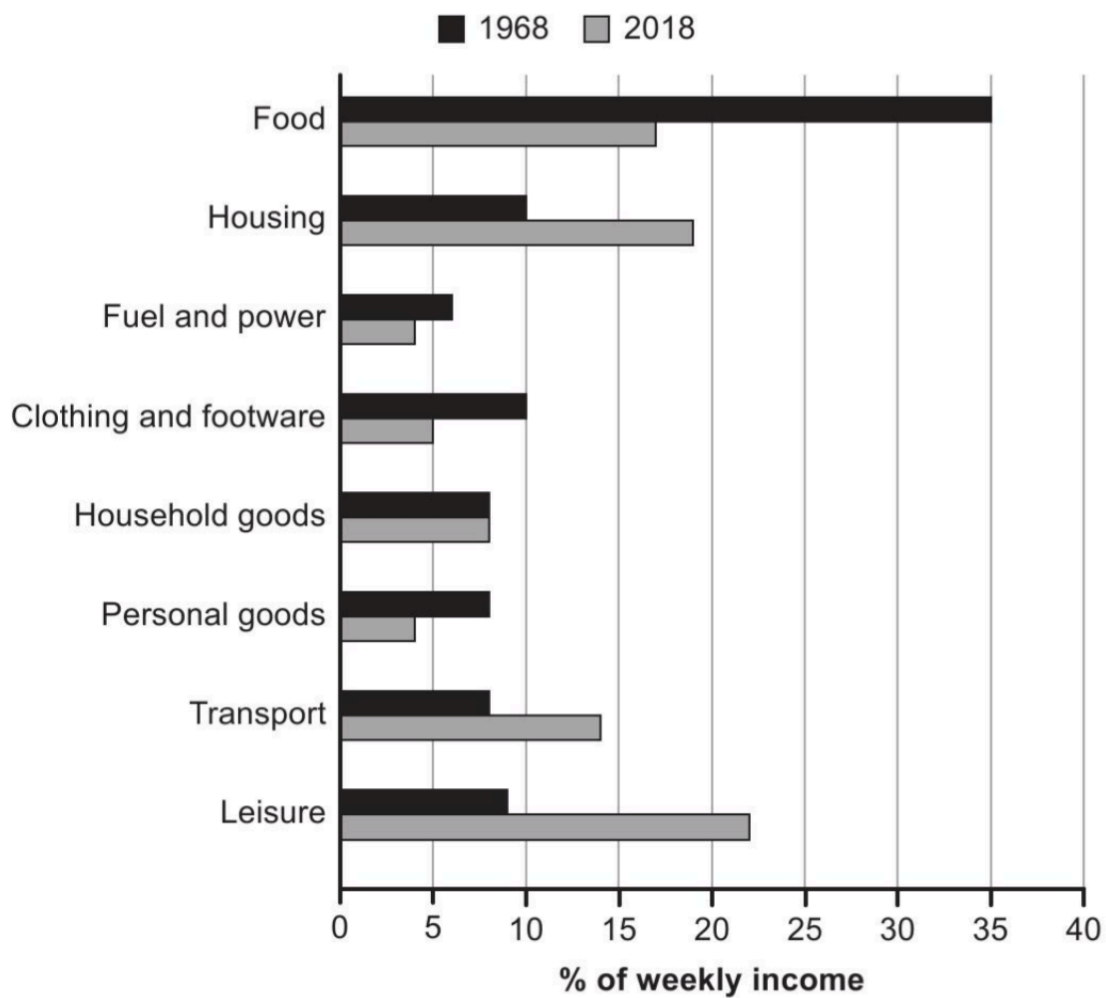
Test 31

Part 1

The chart below gives information about how families in one country spent their weekly income in 1968 and in 2018.

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

1968 and 2018: average weekly spending by families



Part 2

Some people believe that professionals, such as doctors and engineers, should be required to work in the country where they did their training. Others believe they should be free to work in another country if they wish.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

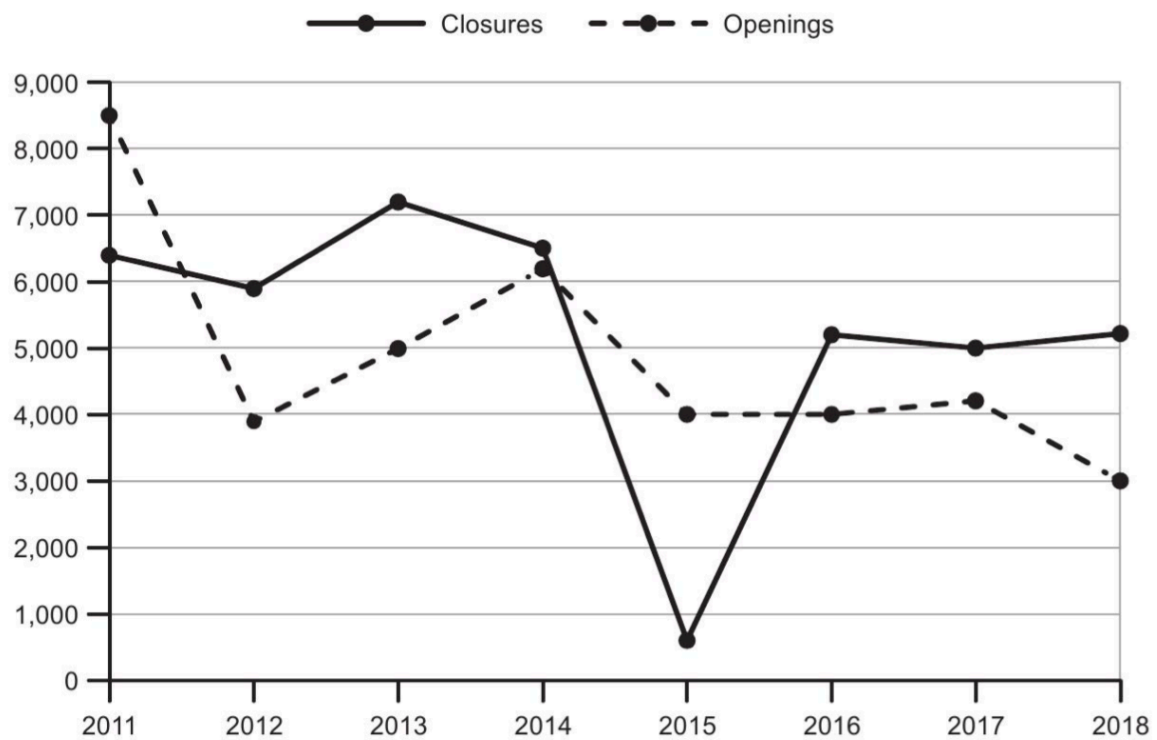
Test 32

Part 1

The graph below shows the number of shops that closed and the number of new shops that opened in one country between 2011 and 2018.

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

Number of shop closures and openings 2011–2018



Part 2

Nowadays, a growing number of people with health problems are trying alternative medicines and treatments instead of visiting their usual doctor.

Do you think this is a positive or a negative development?

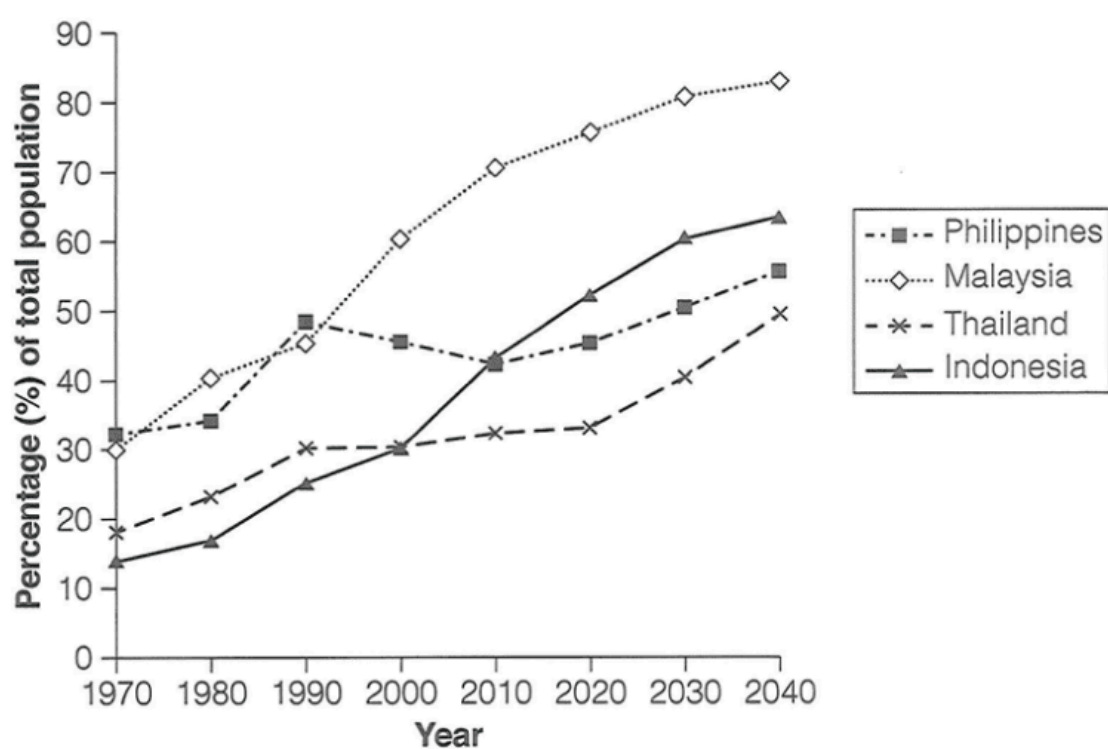
Test 33

Part 1

The graph below gives information about the percentage of the population in four Asian countries living in cities from 1970 to 2020, with predictions for 2030 and 2040.

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

Percentage of the population living in cities



Part 2

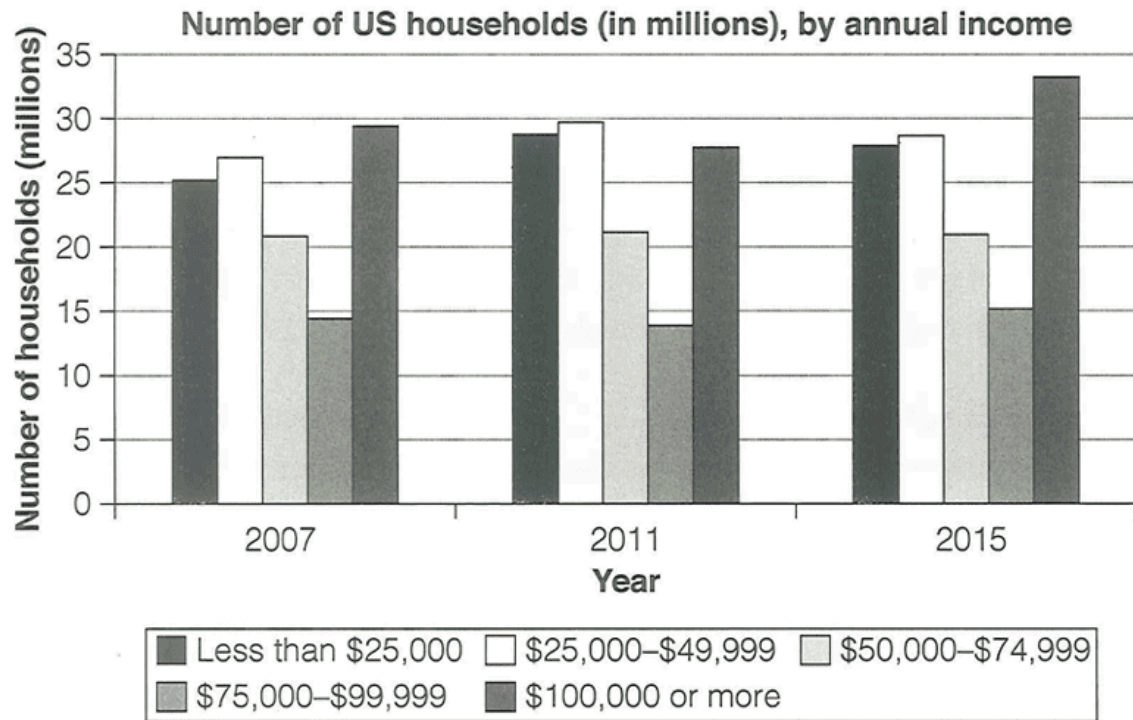
The most important aim of science should be to improve people's lives. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Test 34

Part 1

The chart below shows the number of households in the US by their annual ' income in 2007, 2011 and 2015.

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



Part 2

Some university students want to learn about other subjects in addition to their main subjects. Others believe it is more important to give all their time and attention to studying for a qualification.

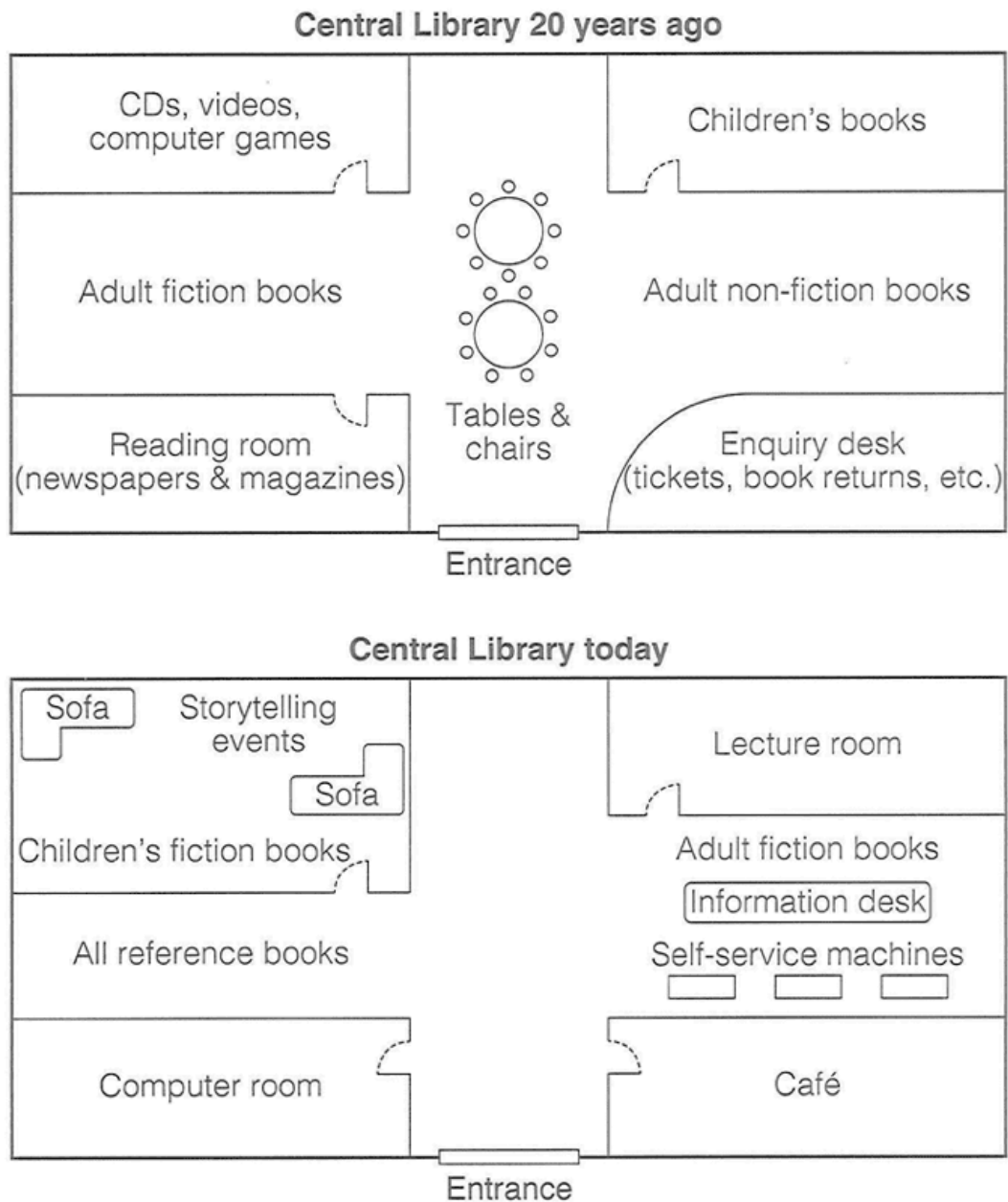
Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Test 35

Part 1

The diagram below shows the floor plan of a public library 20 years ago and how it looks now.

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



Part 2

In many countries around the world, rural people are moving to cities, so the population in the countryside is decreasing.

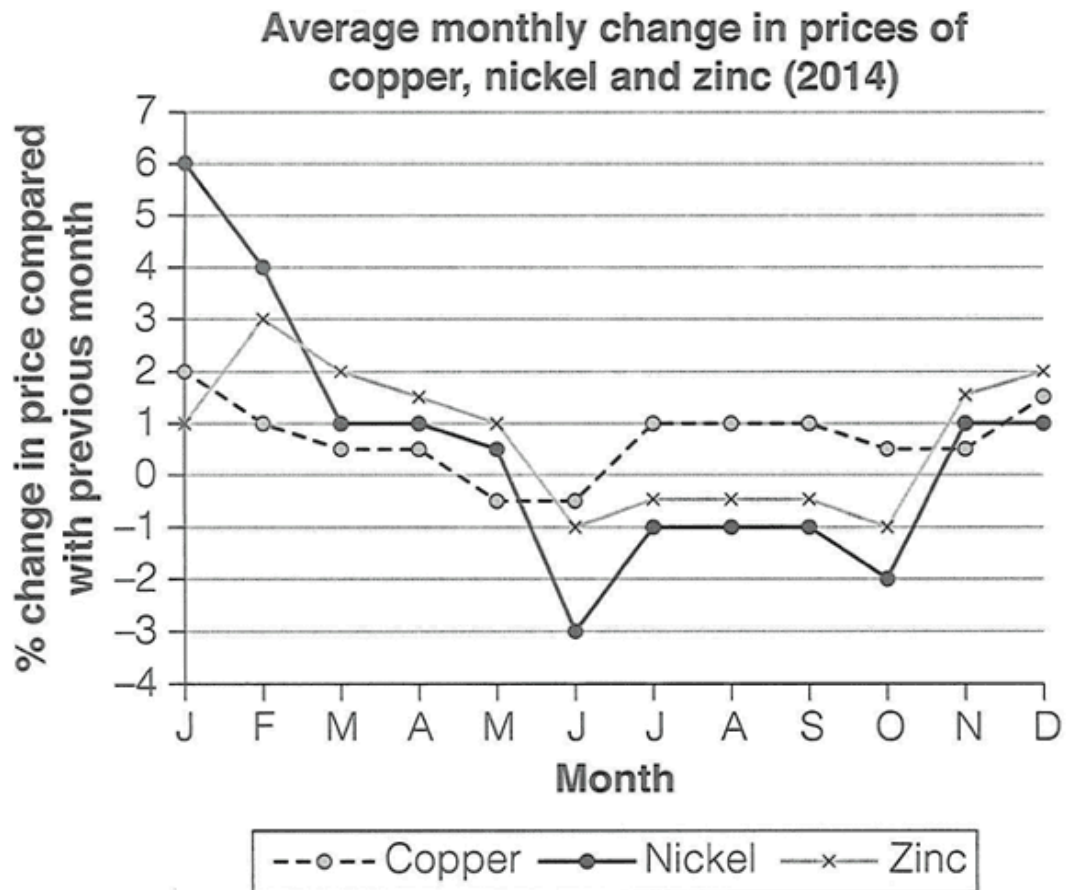
Do you think this is a positive or a negative development?

Test 36

Part 1

The graph below shows the average monthly change in the prices of three metals during 2014.

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



Part 2

In many countries, people are now living longer than ever before. Some people say an ageing population creates problems for governments. Other people think there are benefits if society has more elderly people.

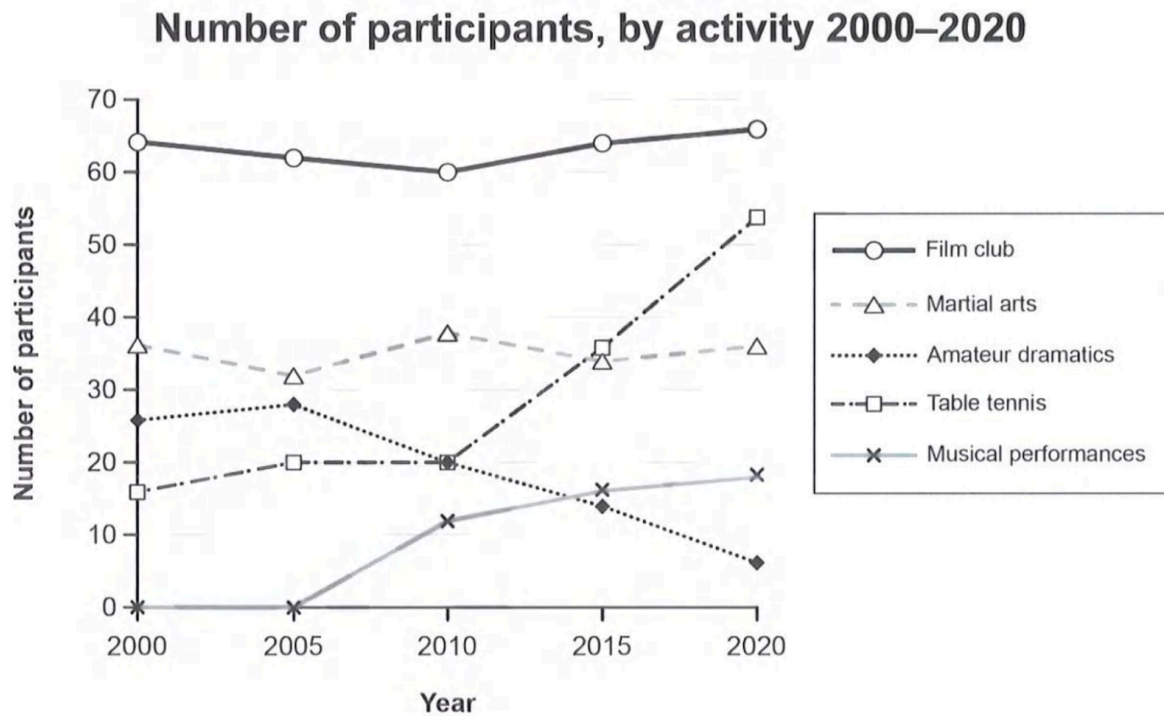
To what extent do the advantages of having an ageing population outweigh the disadvantages?

Test 37

Part 1

The graph below gives information on the numbers of participants for different activities at one social centre in Melbourne, Australia for the period 2000 to 2020.

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



Part 2

Some people think that competition at work, at school and in daily life is a good thing. Others believe that we should try to cooperate more, rather than competing against each other.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

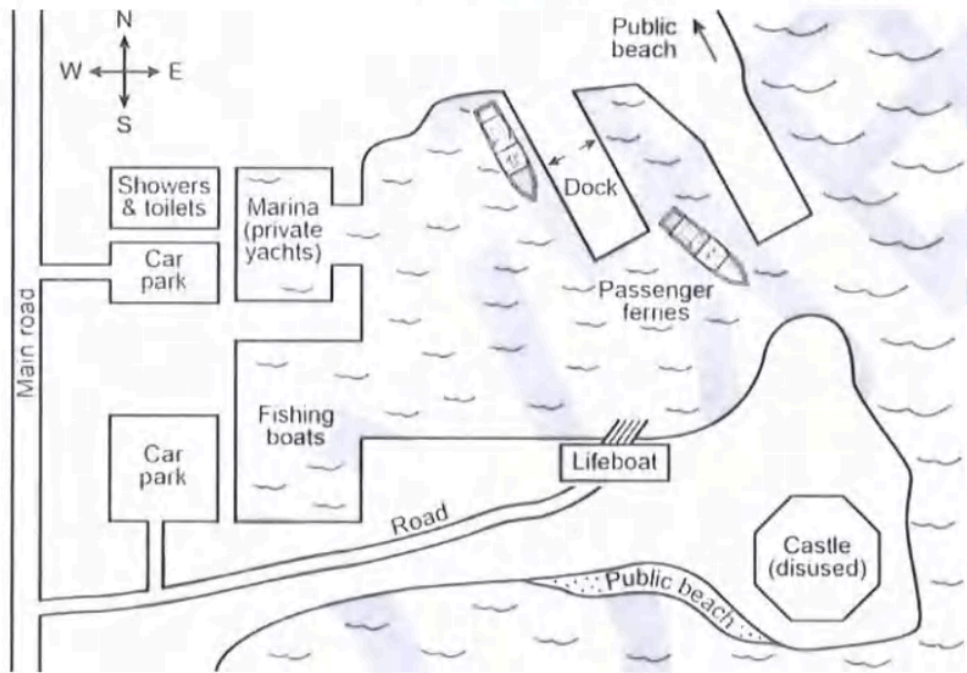
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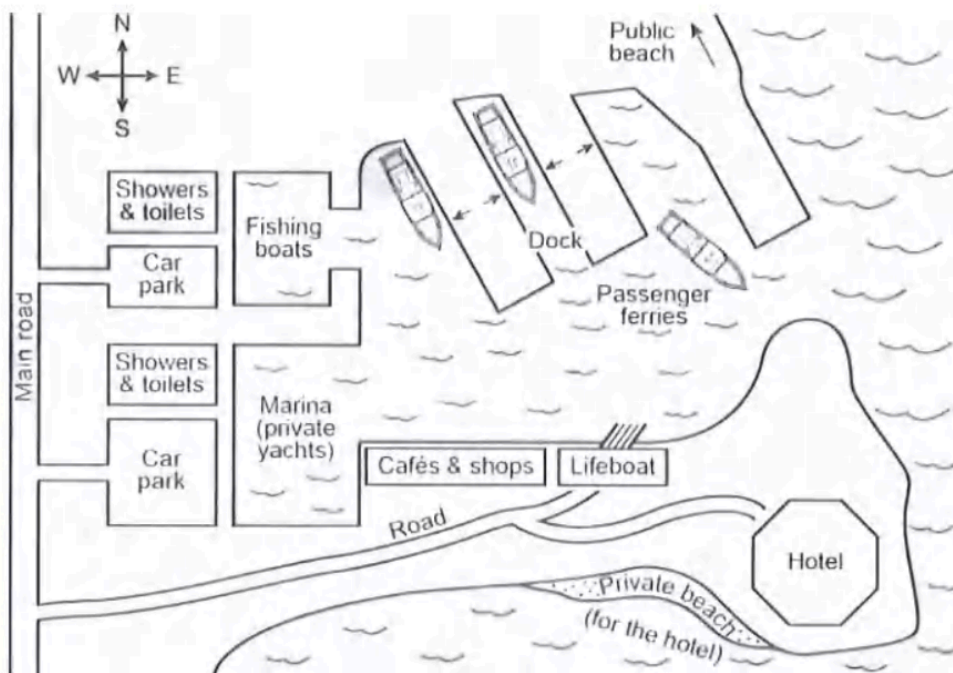
The plans below show a harbour in 2000 and how it looks today.

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

Porth Harbour (in 2000)



Porth Harbour (today)



Part 2

The working week should be shorter and workers should have a longer weekend.

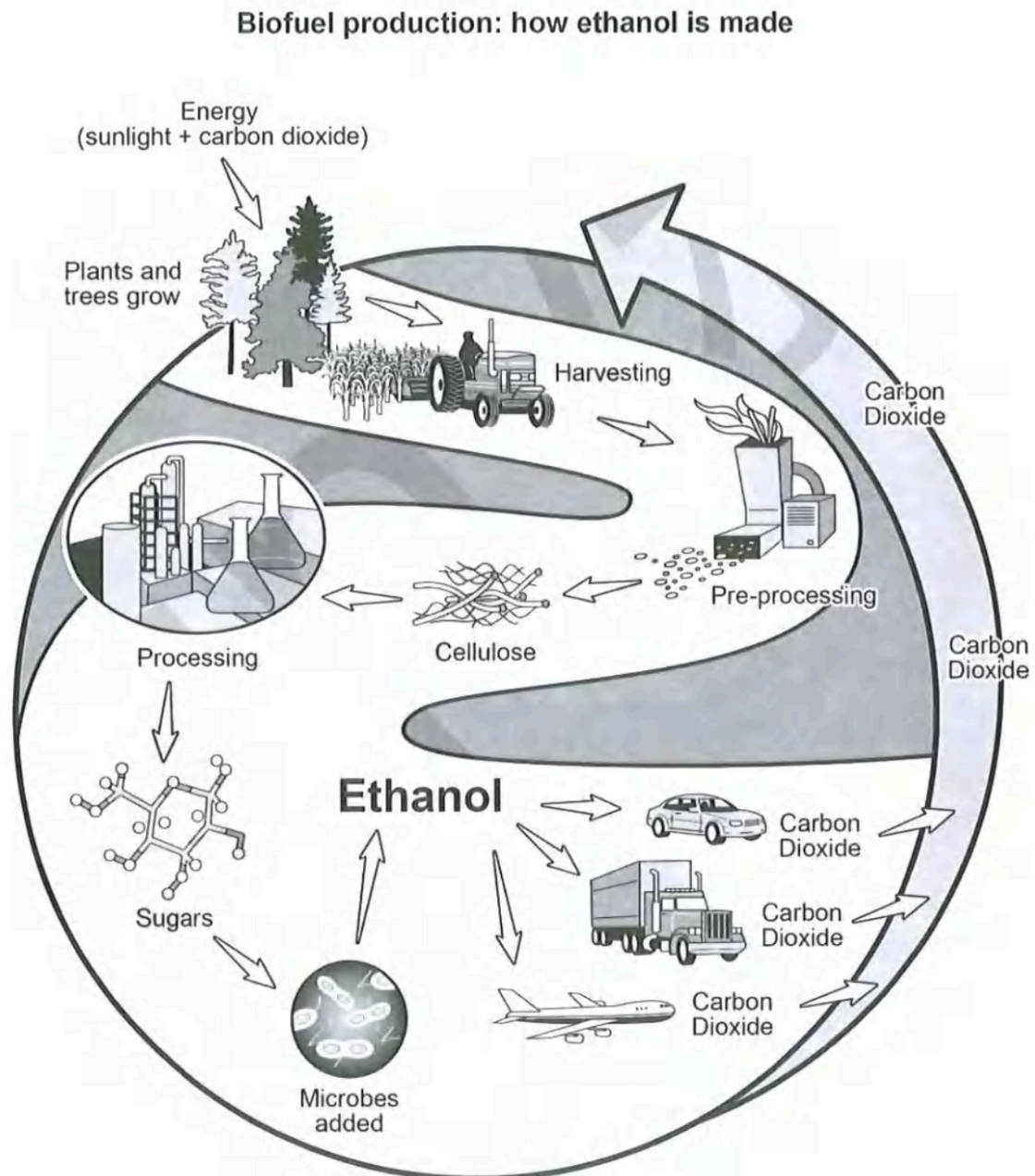
Do you agree or disagree?

Test 39

Part 1

The diagram below shows how a biofuel called ethanol is produced.

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



Part 2

It is important for everyone, including young people, to save money for their future.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

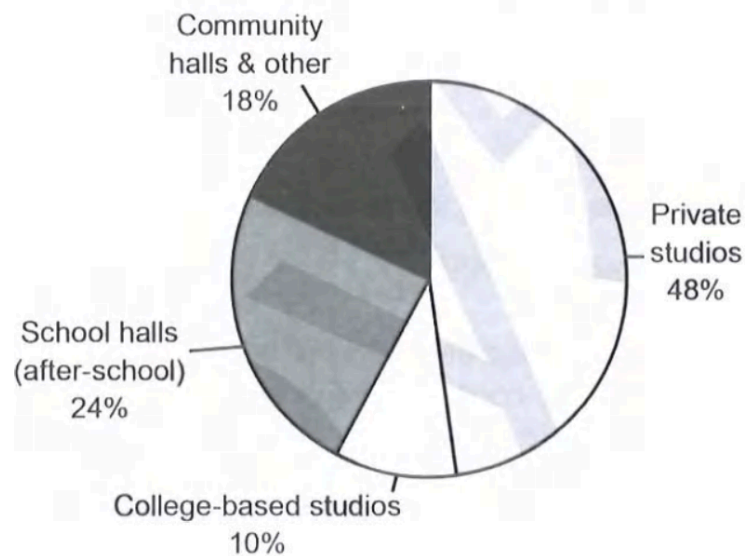
Test 40

Part 1

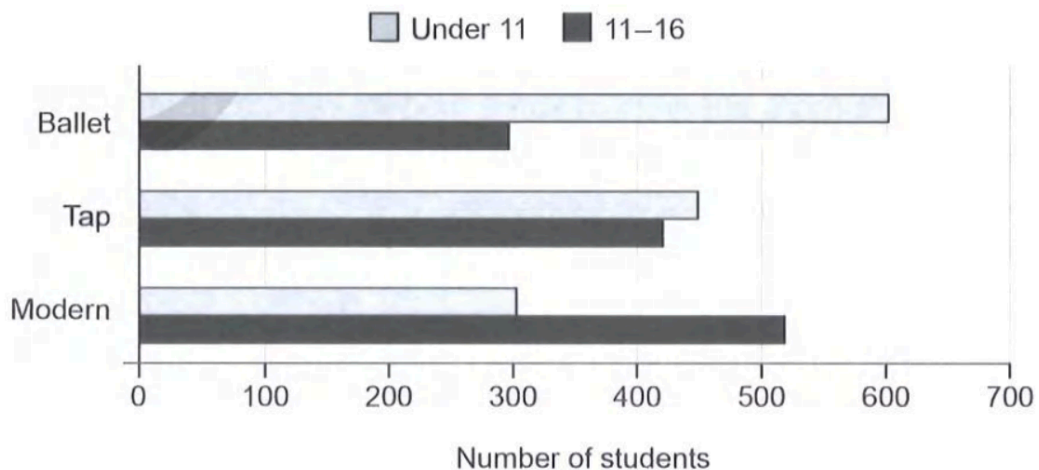
The charts below give information on the location and types of dance classes young people in a town in Australia are currently attending.

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

Location of dance classes



Types of dance classes (by age group)



Part 2

In many countries nowadays, consumers can go to a supermarket and buy food produced all over the world.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Test 41

Part 1

The first table below shows changes in the total population of New York City from 1800 to 2000. The second and third tables show changes in the population of the five districts of the city (Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Staten Island) over the same period.

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

	New York City (all five districts)
Year	Population
1800	79,216
1900	3,437,202
2000	8,009,185

	Manhattan	
Year	Population	As percentage (%) of total population
1800	60,515	76%
1900	1,850,093	54%
2000	1,538,096	19%

	Other districts (Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Staten Island)	
Year	Population	As percentage (%) of total population
1800	18,701	24%
1900	1,587,109	46%
2000	6,471,089	81%

Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write at least 250 words.

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

Access to clean water is a basic human right. Therefore, every home should have a water supply that is provided free of charge.

Do you agree or disagree?

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

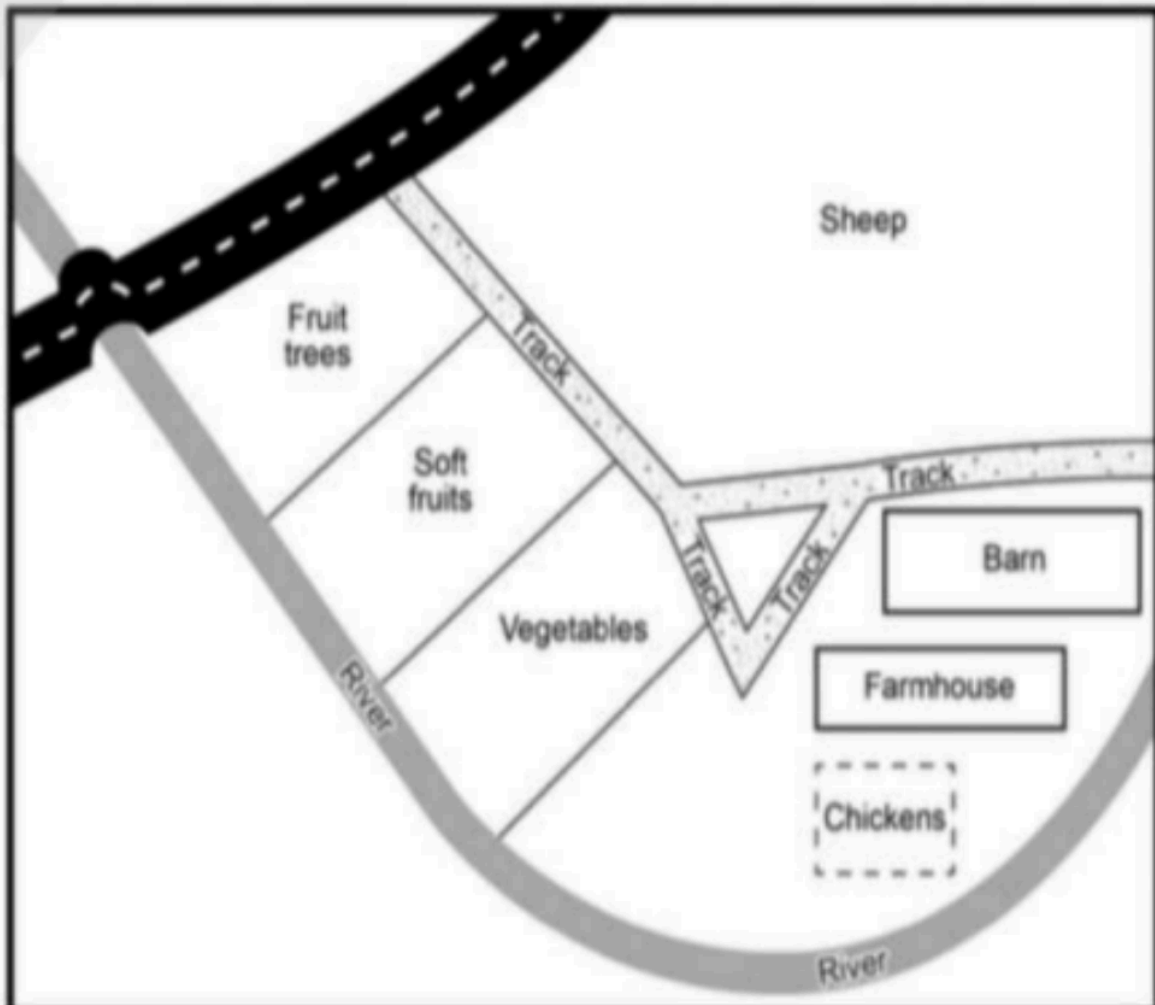
Test 42

Part 1

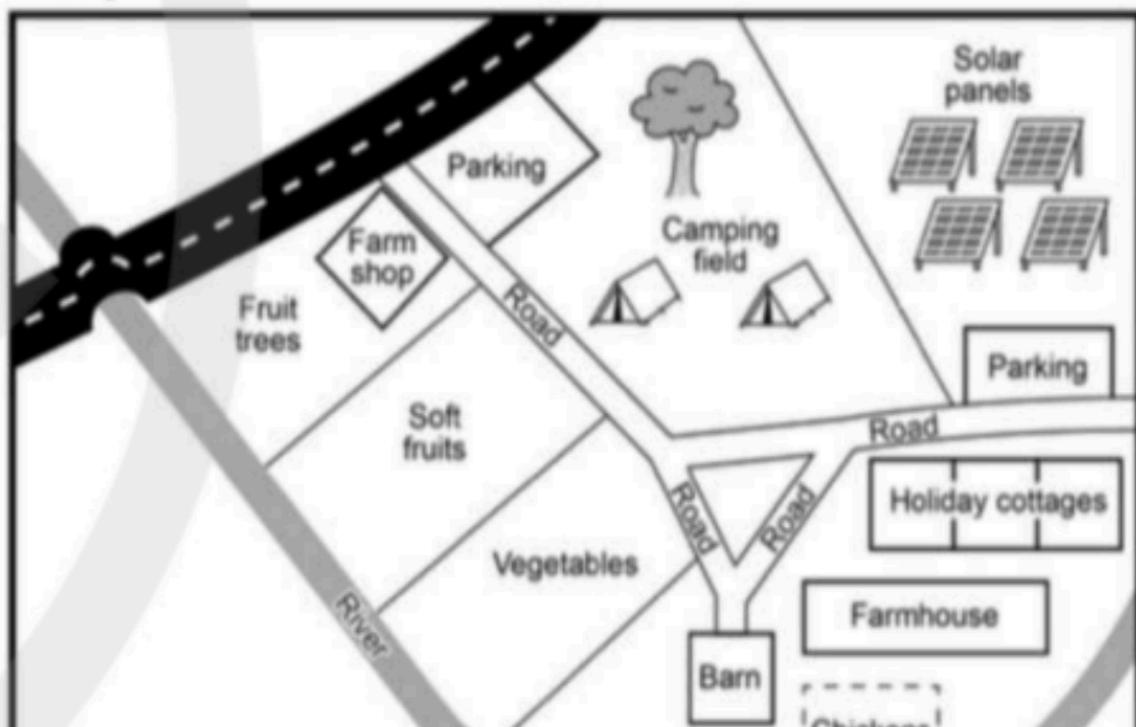
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The plans below show the site of a farm in 1950 and the same site today. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

1950



Today





Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic:

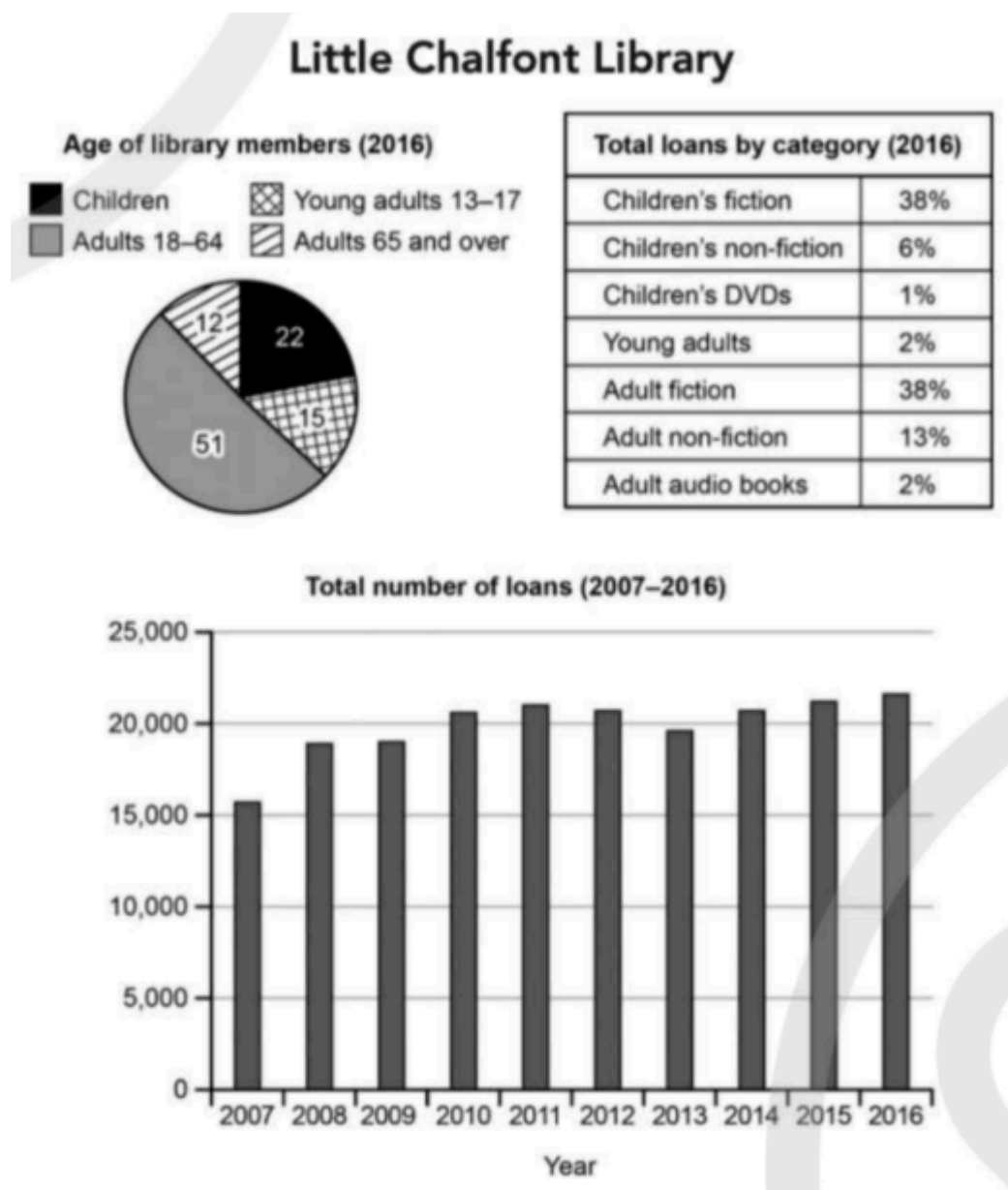
In many countries, primary and secondary schools close for two months or more in the summer holidays. What is the value of long school holidays? What are the arguments in favour of shorter school holidays?

Test 43

Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below give information about a public library in a town called Little Chalfont. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



Part 2

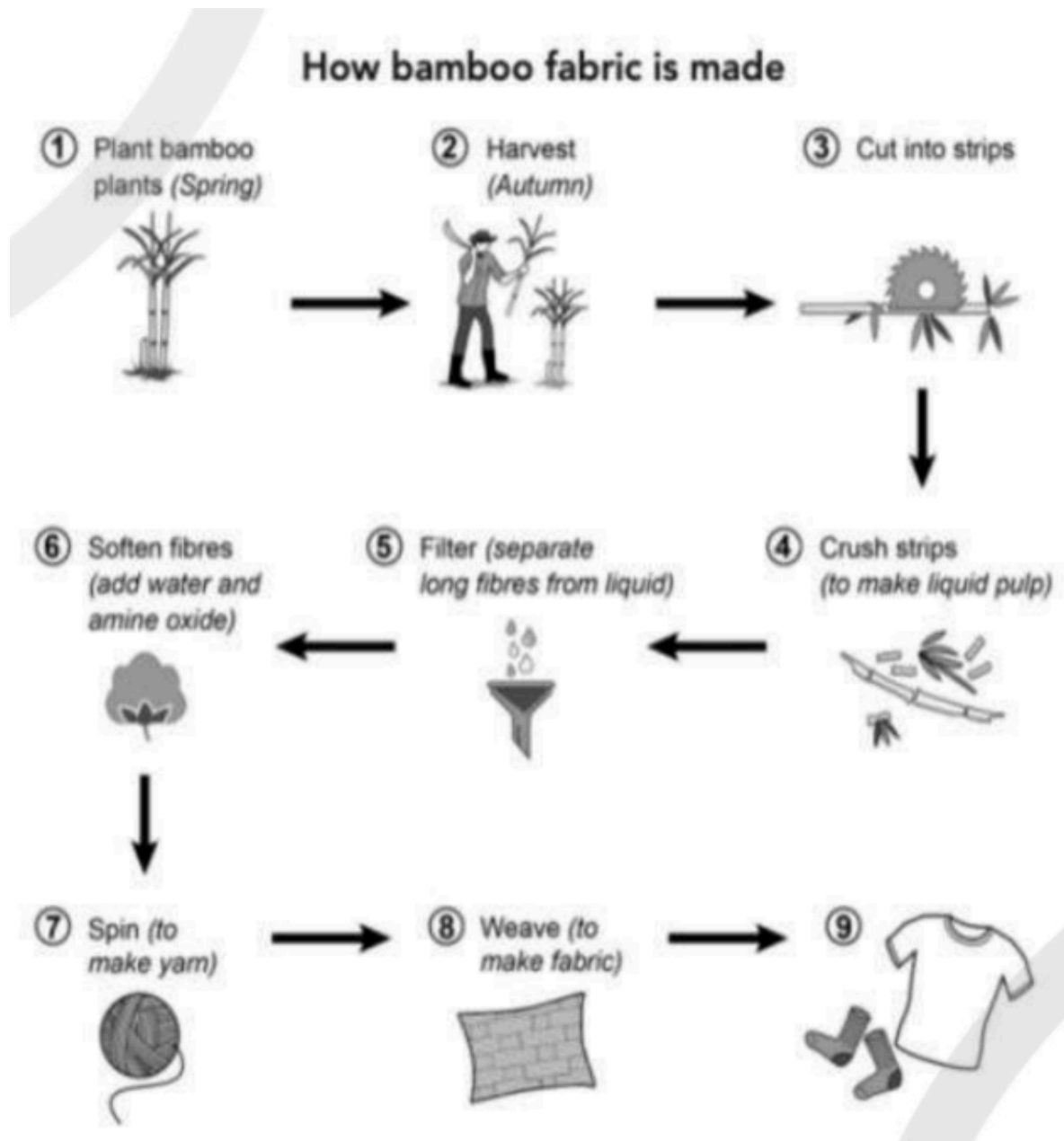
You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic: Some people have decided to reduce the number of times they fly every year or to stop flying altogether. Do you think the environmental benefits of this development outweigh the disadvantages for individuals and businesses? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Test 44

Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task. Write at least 150 words.

The diagram below shows how fabric is manufactured from bamboo. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write at least 250 words. Write about the following topic:

Many aspects of the way people dress today are influenced by global fashion trends. How has global fashion become such a strong influence on people's lives? Do you think this is a positive or negative development? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Test 45

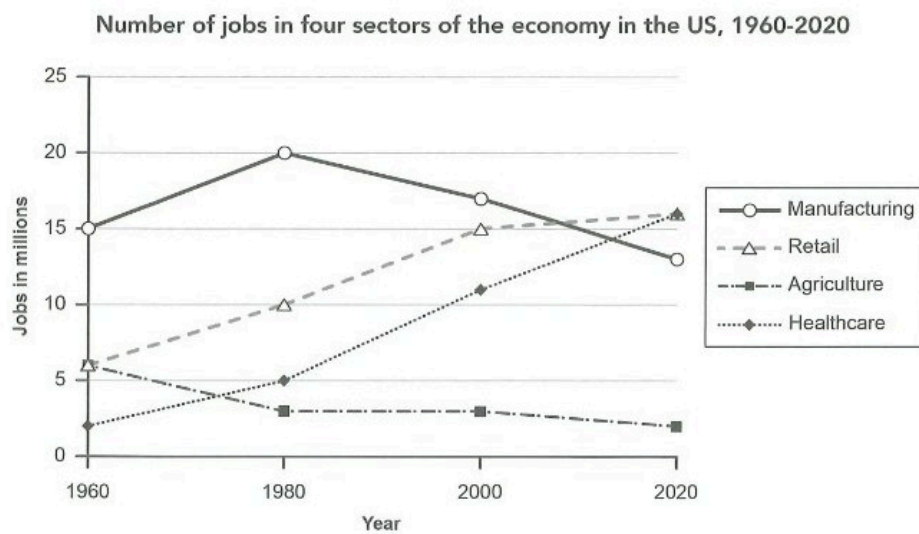
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below gives information about the number of jobs in four sectors of the economy in the US between 1960 and 2020.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

The best way to provide enough homes in large cities is to build tall apartment blocks.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 46

Part 1

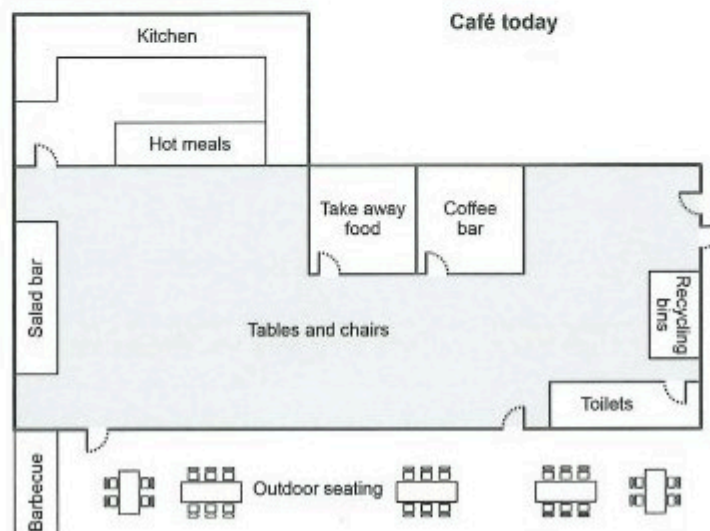
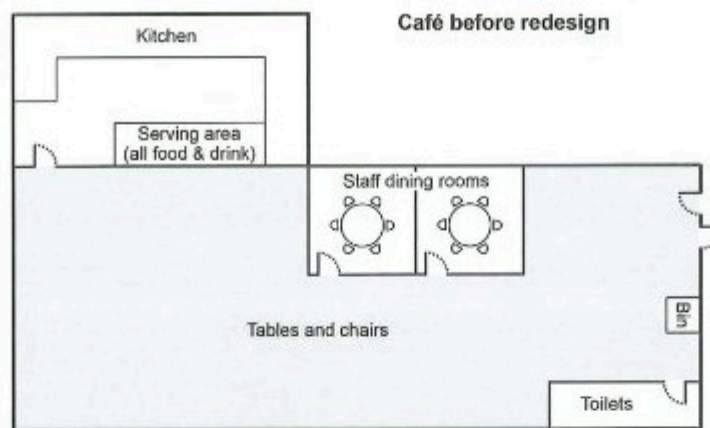
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The plans below show a college café before it was redesigned and how it looks now.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people say that in the digital age, theatres and cinemas are no longer important as people can watch all the entertainment they want online. Others argue that theatres and cinemas are still important both economically and culturally.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 47

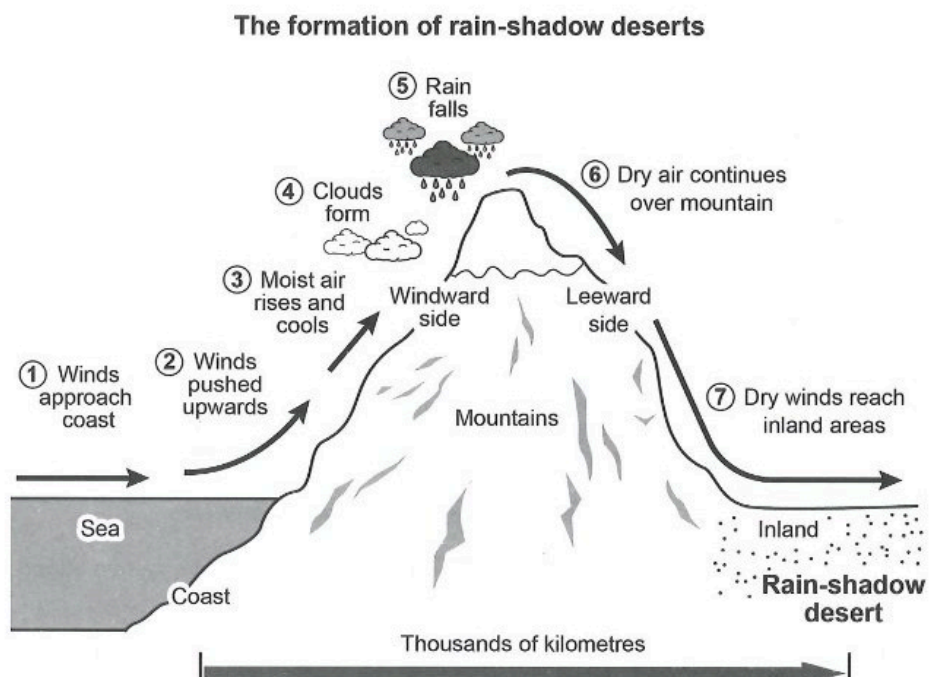
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows how one type of desert, known as a rain-shadow desert, is formed.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

All university undergraduate courses should include a period of time spent studying abroad or doing a work placement.

Do you think the advantages of this would outweigh the disadvantages?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 48

Part 1

WRITING TASK 1

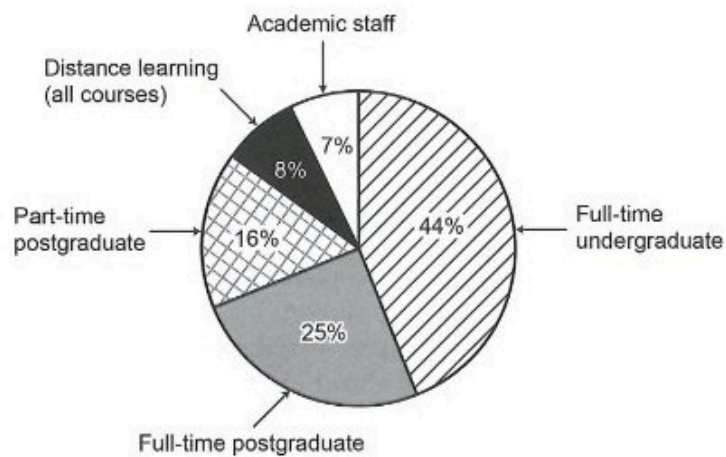
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart and table below show the results of a survey of library users at a university.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Categories of library users



Library user satisfaction (%)

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Not satisfied
Library opening hours	65	35	0
Helpfulness of staff	95	5	0
Availability of books	50	40	10
Availability of journals	45	35	20
Reliability of wi-fi	48	33	19

Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people argue that primary schools focus too much on formal learning.

To what extent do you agree with this opinion?

How important do you think it is for children to play as well as learn in the primary school classroom?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 49

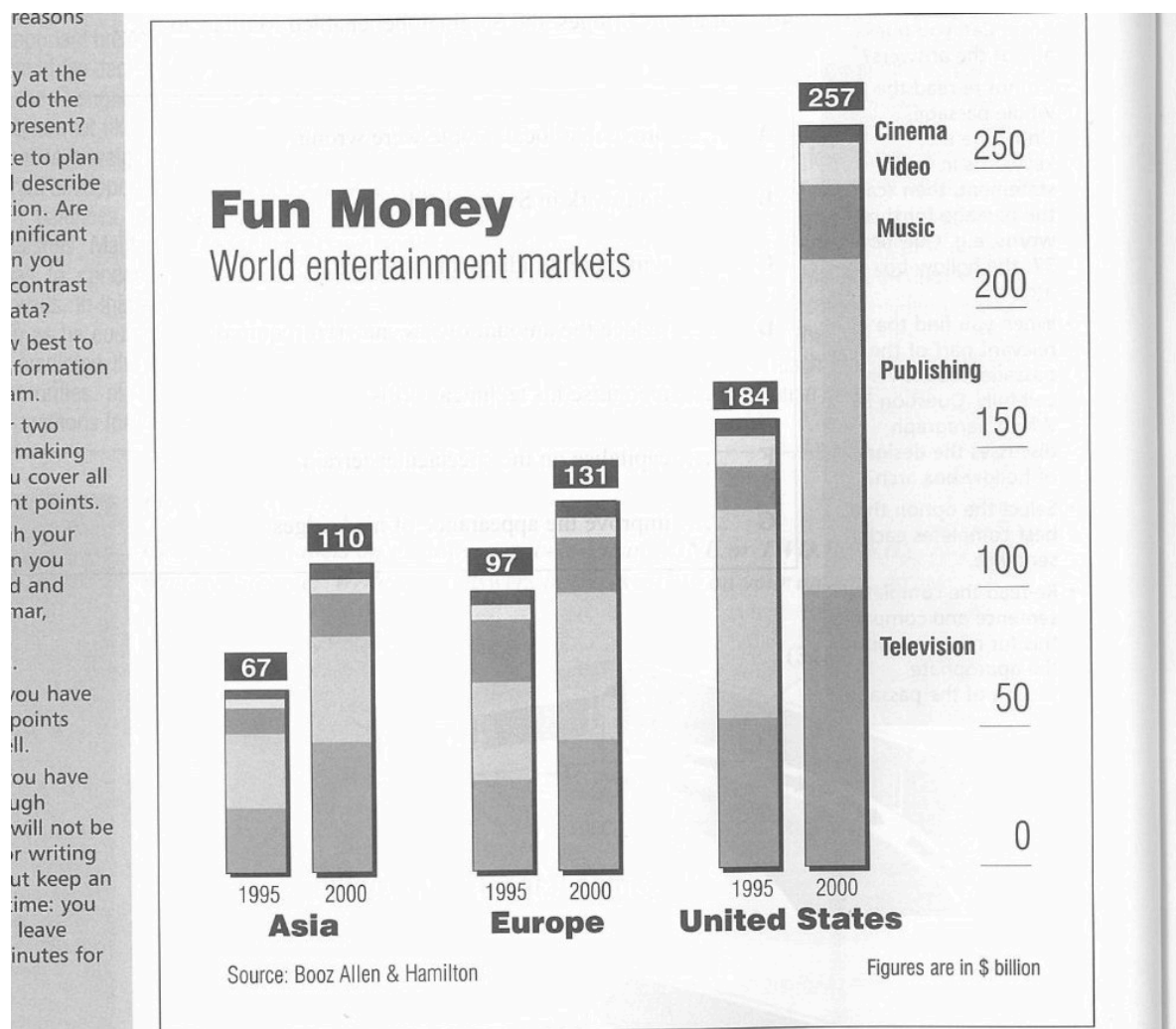
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows how money was spent on different forms of entertainment over a five-year period.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Under British and Australian laws a jury in a criminal case has no access to information about the defendant's past criminal record. This protects the person who is being accused of the crime.

Some lawyers have suggested that this practice should be changed and that a jury should be given all the past facts before they reach their decision about the case.

Do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 50

Part 1

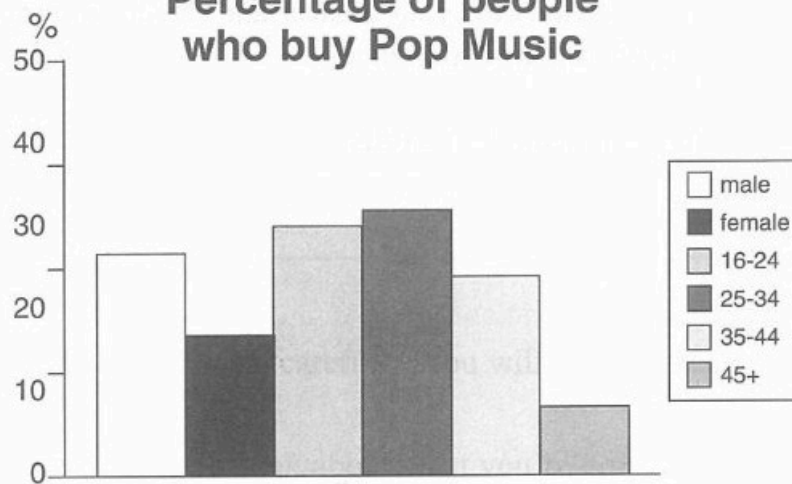
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graphs below show the types of music albums purchased by people in Britain according to sex and age.

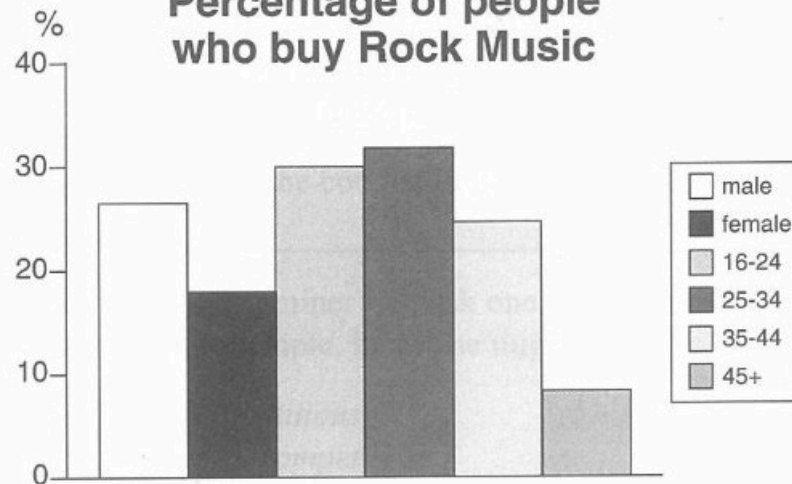
Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

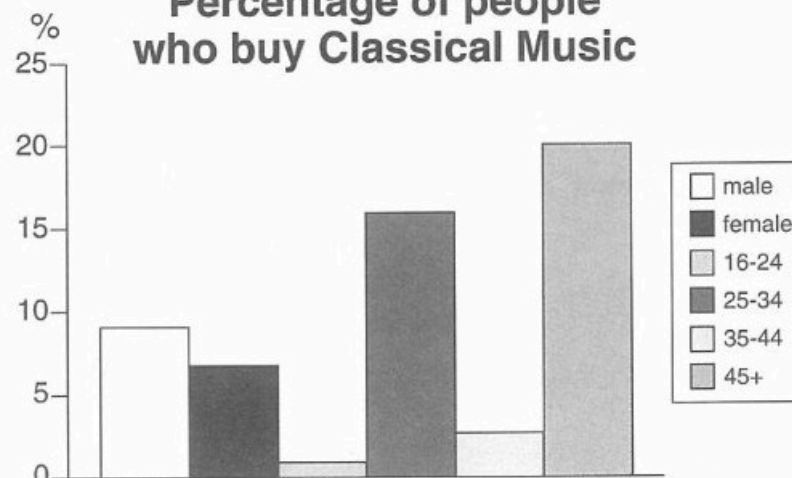
Percentage of people who buy Pop Music



Percentage of people who buy Rock Music



Percentage of people who buy Classical Music



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some employers reward members of staff for their exceptional contribution to the company by giving them extra money. This practice can act as an incentive for some but may also have a negative impact on others.

To what extent is this style of management effective?

Are there better ways of encouraging employees to work hard?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 51

Part 1

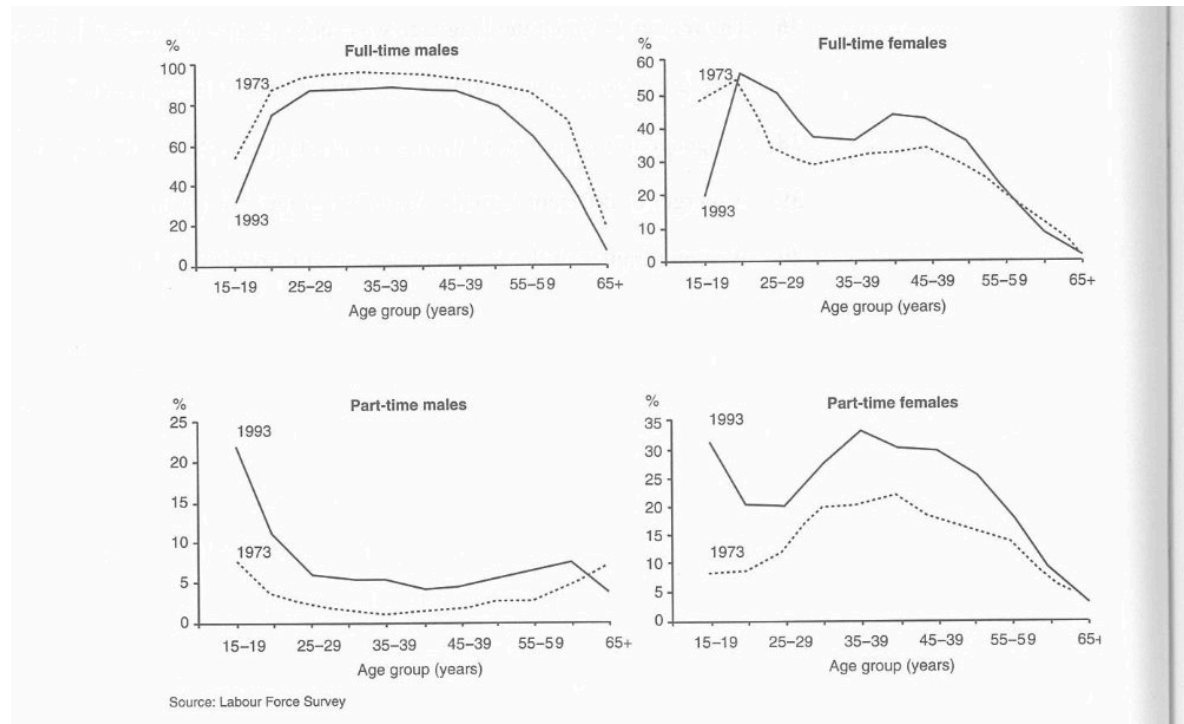
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graphs below show the number of men and women in full and part-time employment in Australia between 1973 and 1993.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In the past, sporting champions used to be motivated primarily by the desire to win a match or to break world records. These days, they are more likely to be motivated by prize money and the opportunity to be famous.

What message does this send to young people and how does this attitude to sport affect the sports themselves?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 52

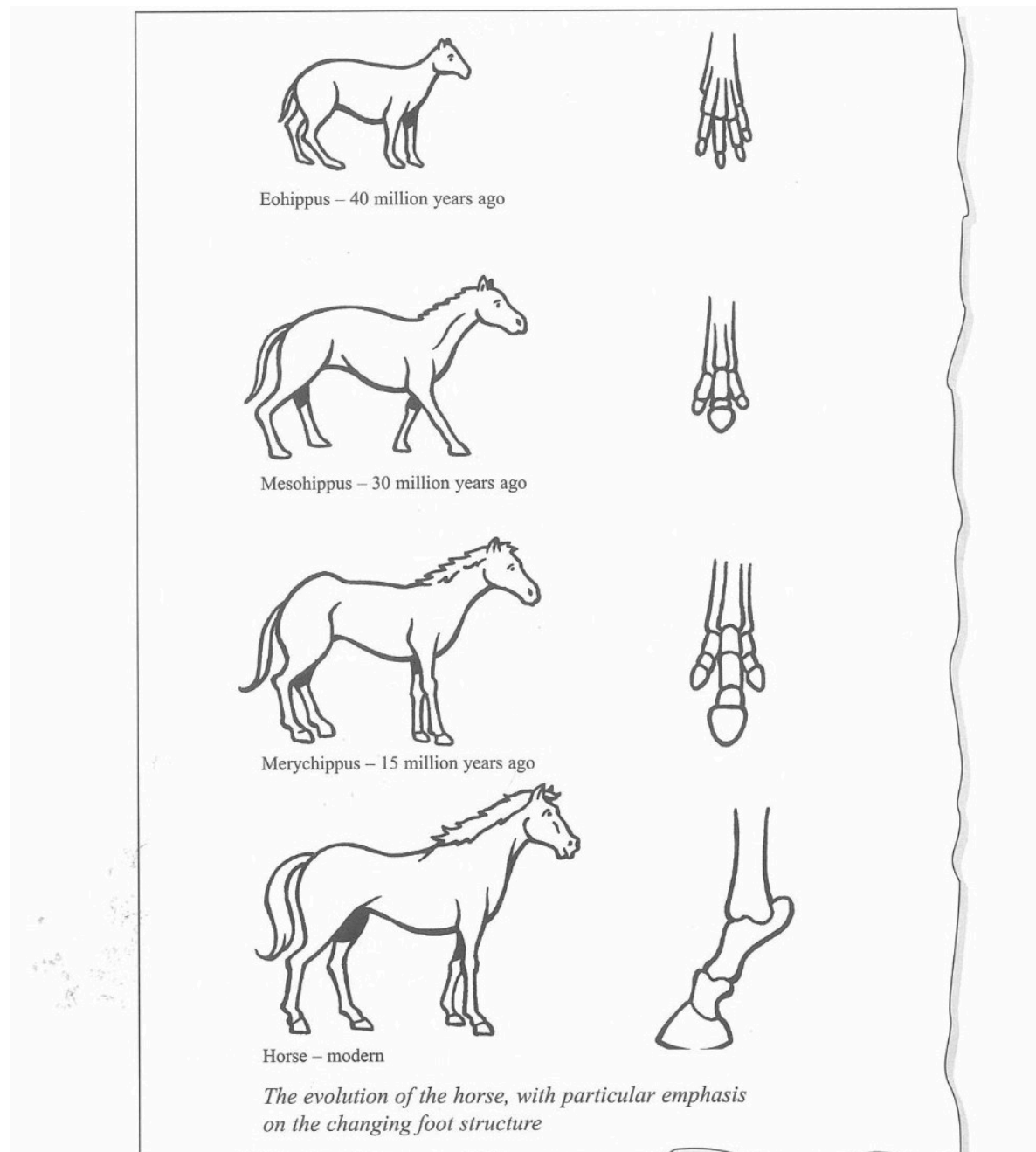
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below show the development of the horse over a period of 40 million years.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

'Failure is proof that the desire wasn't strong enough.'

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 53

Part 1

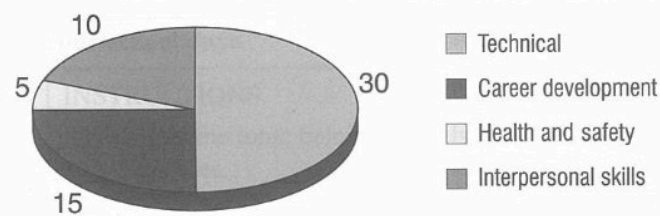
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph and pie chart below give information on in-house training courses in a large financial company.

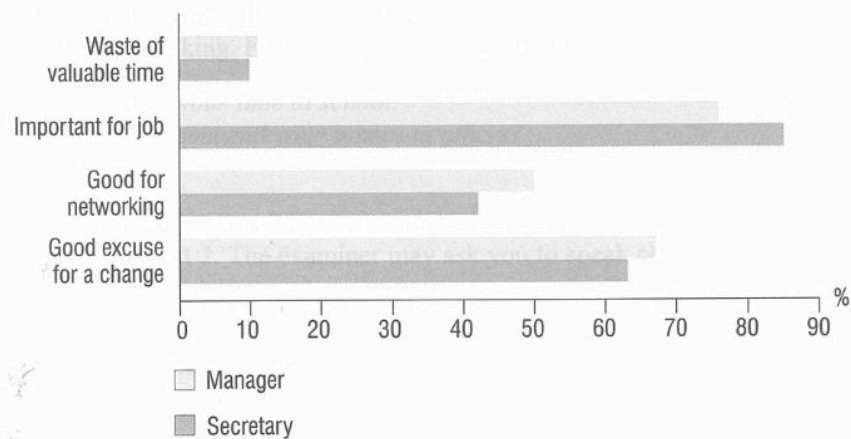
Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Training – hours per year



Office Workers' Attitude to Training



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

To be labelled a 'Work of Art', a painting, sculpture or other art form should display certain qualities that are unique. However, over the past century there has been a decline in the quality of prize-winning artwork and it is now possible for quite ordinary pieces of art to be labelled 'masterpieces' whilst true works of art pass unnoticed.

Do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 54

Part 1

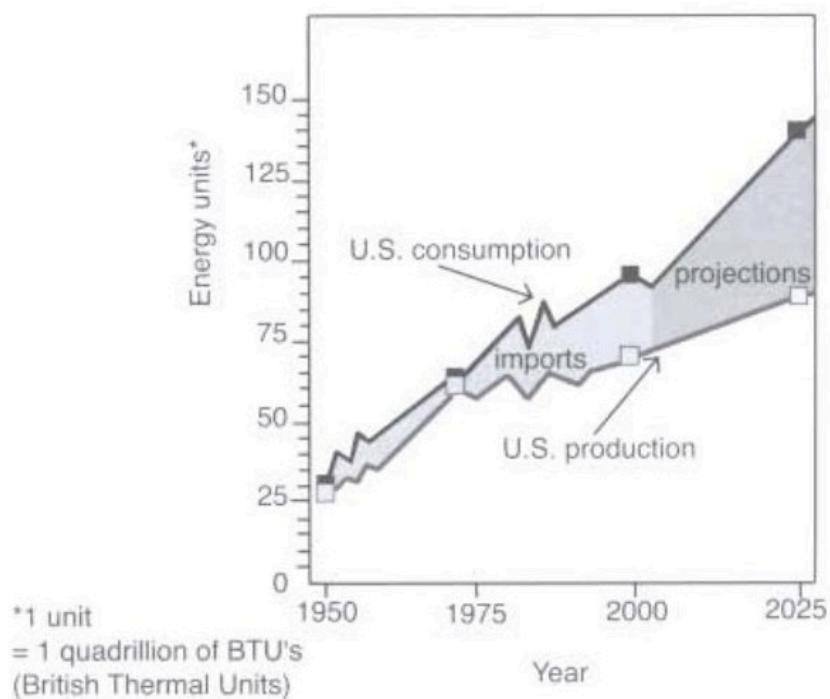
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below compares figures for the production and consumption of energy in the US from 1950 to 2000. It also predicts figures for 2025.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic.

The only way to reduce the amount of traffic in cities today is by reducing the need for people to travel from home for work, education or shopping.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 55

Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows the results of a survey to find out what members of a city sports club think about the club's activities, facilities and opening hours.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Range of activities	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Not satisfied
Female members	35%	35%	30%
Male members	55%	40%	5%
Club facilities			
Female members	64%	22%	14%
Male members	63%	27%	10%
Opening hours			
Female members	72%	25%	3%
Male members	44%	19%	37%

Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic.

Modern societies need specialists in certain fields, but not in others.

Some people therefore think that governments should pay university fees for students who study subjects that are needed by society. Those who choose to study less relevant subjects should not receive government funding.

Would the advantages of such an educational policy outweigh the disadvantages?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 56

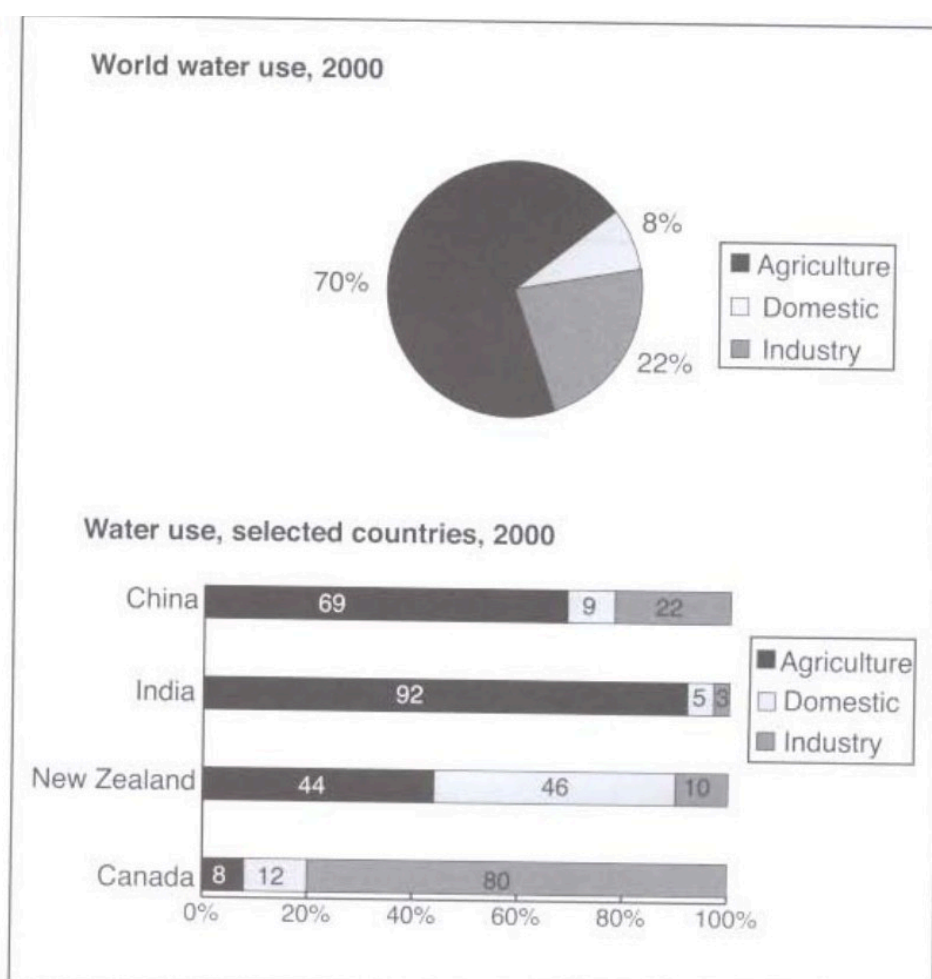
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below give information about the way in which water was used in different countries in 2000.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic.

Young people in the modern world seem to have more power and influence than any previous young generation.

Why is this the case?

What impact does this have on the relationship between old and young people?

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

Write at least 250 words.

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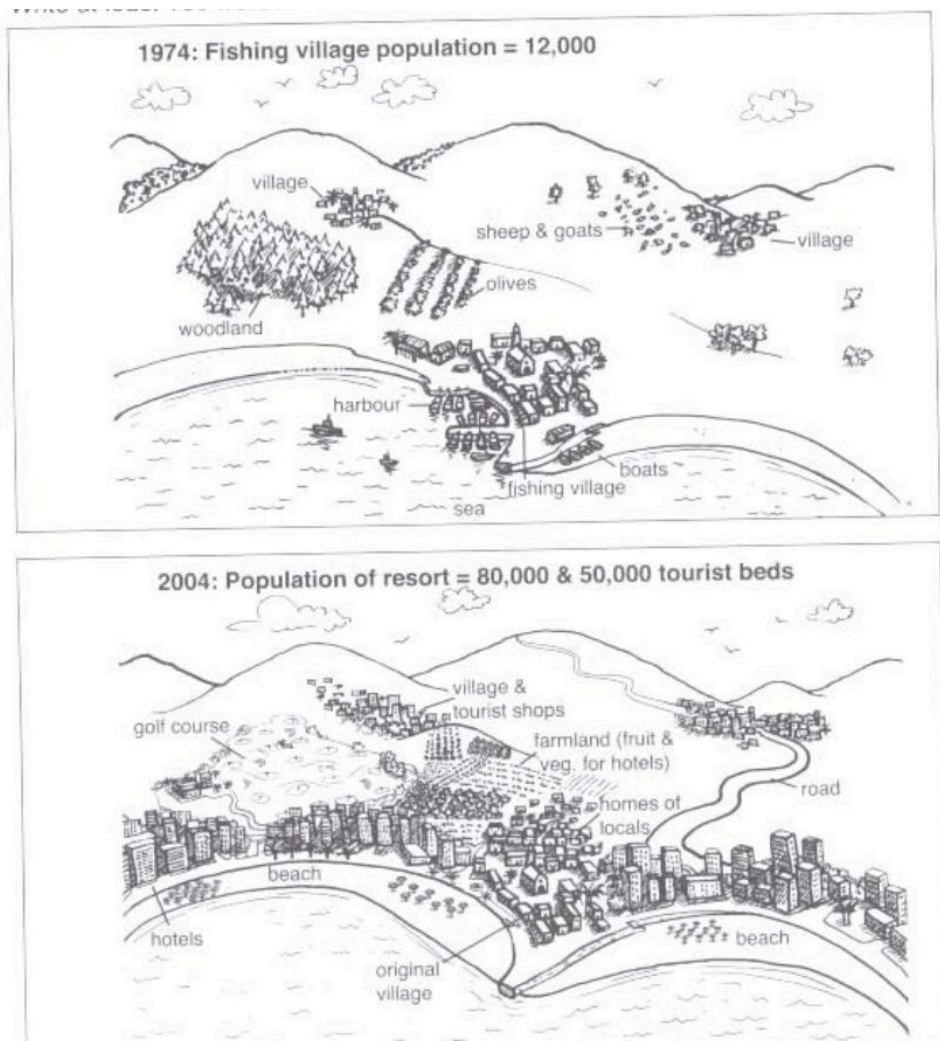
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below show the development of a small fishing village and its surrounding area into a large European tourist resort.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic.

Music is played in every society and culture in the world today.

Some people think that music brings only benefits to individuals and societies. Others, however, think that music can have a negative influence on both.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 58

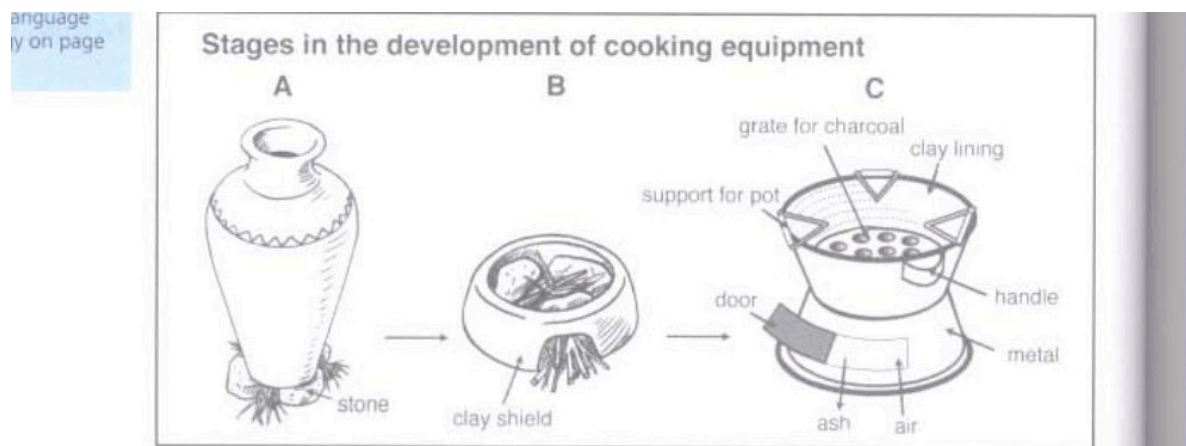
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below show stages in the development of simple cooking equipment.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In recent years some countries have experienced very rapid economic development. This has resulted in much higher standards of living in urban areas but not in the countryside.

This situation may bring some problems for the country as a whole.

What are these problems?

How might they be reduced?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 59

Part 1

WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The tables below give information about the world population and distribution in 1950 and 2000, with an estimate of the situation in 2050.

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

Write at least 150 words.

35.	World Population 1950–2050			
	World Population	1950	2000	2050
	(billions)	2.5	6.0	9.0 (estimate)

Distribution of World Population by Region			
Africa	9%	13%	20%
Asia	56%	60%	59%
Europe	22%	12%	7%
Latin America	6%	9%	9%
North America	7%	5%	4%
Oceania	<1%	1%	1%

Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

The exploration and development of safe alternatives to fossil fuels should be the most important global priority today.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 60

Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows the results of surveys in 2000, 2005 and 2010 about one university.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Percentage of students giving good ratings for different aspects of a university			
	2000	2005	2010
Teaching quality	65	63	69
Print resources	87	89	88
Electronic resources	45	72	88
Range of modules offered	32	30	27
Buildings/teaching facilities	77	77	77

Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some say that because many people are living much longer, the age at which people retire from work should be raised considerably.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 61

Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below show how leather goods are produced.

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

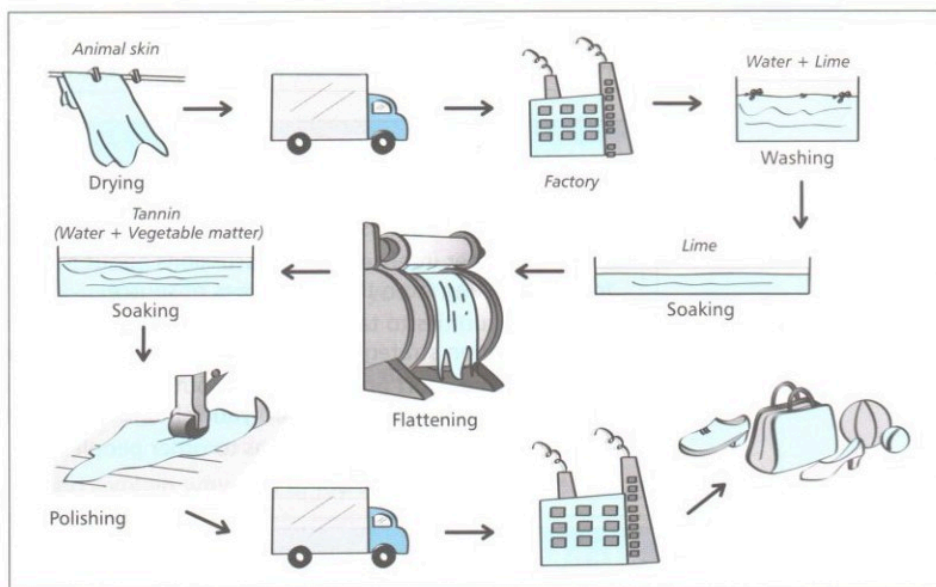
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A method of producing leather goods



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

As children become adults, their social behaviour changes in some ways.

What are the main differences between young children's social behaviour and that of adults? To what extent are the changes that take place good?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 62

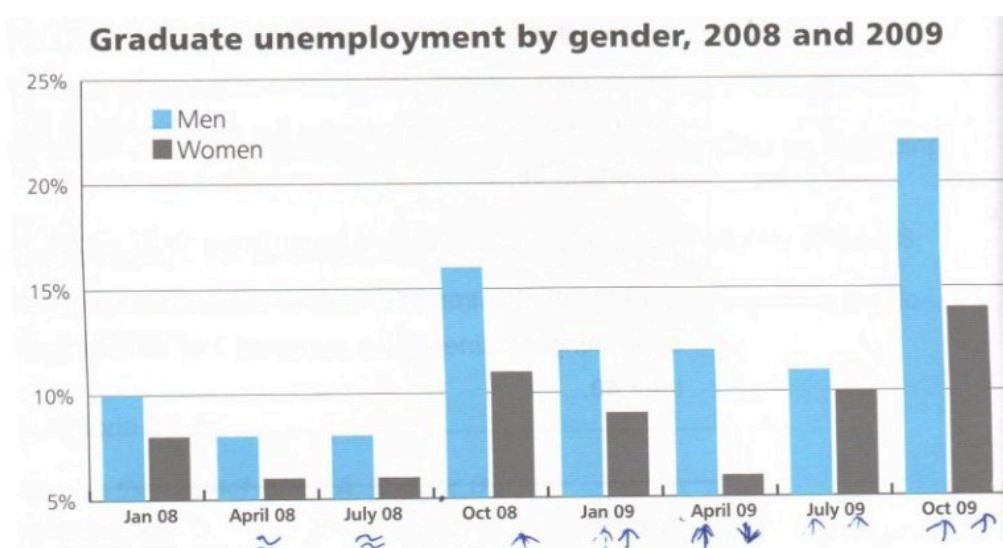
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The bar chart below shows the percentage of unemployed graduates, aged 20-24, in one European country over a two-year period.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many people assume that the goal of every country should be to produce more materials and goods.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that constantly increasing production is an appropriate goal?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 63

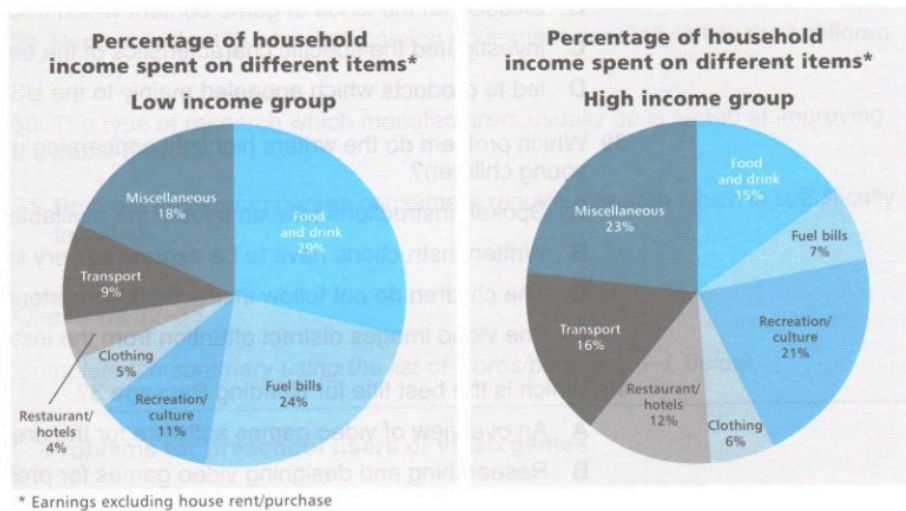
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below show the percentage of monthly household income spent on various items by two different groups in one European country.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Modern technology has made it easier for individuals to download copyrighted music and books from the internet for no charge.

To what extent is this a positive or a negative development?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 64

Part 1

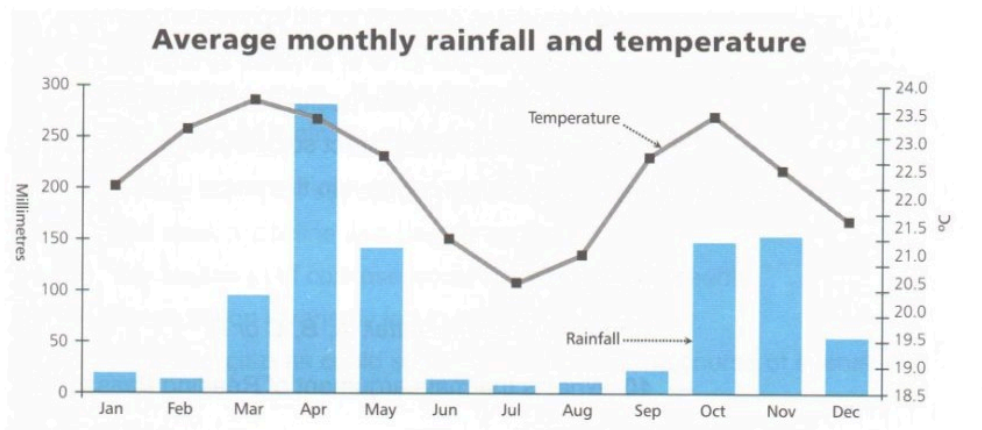
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph and bar chart below show the average monthly rainfall and temperature for one region of East Africa.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Average monthly rainfall and temperatures



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Meat production requires relatively more land than crop production. Some people think that as land is becoming scarce, the world's meat consumption should be reduced.

What measures could be taken to reduce the world's meat consumption? What kinds of problem might such measures cause?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 65

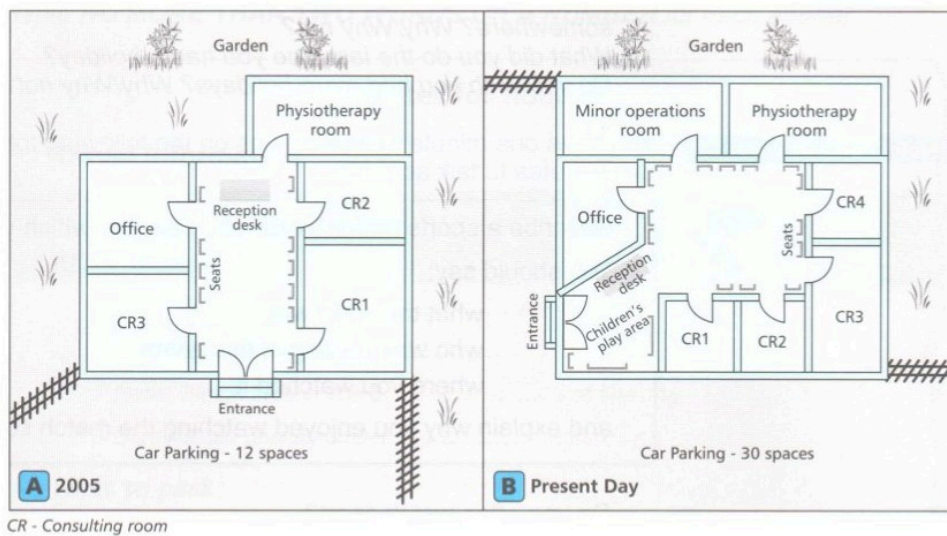
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

Plan A below shows a health centre in 2005. Plan B shows the same place in the present day.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some say that it would be better if the majority of employees worked from home instead of travelling to a workplace every day.

Do you think the advantages of working from home outweigh the disadvantages?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 66

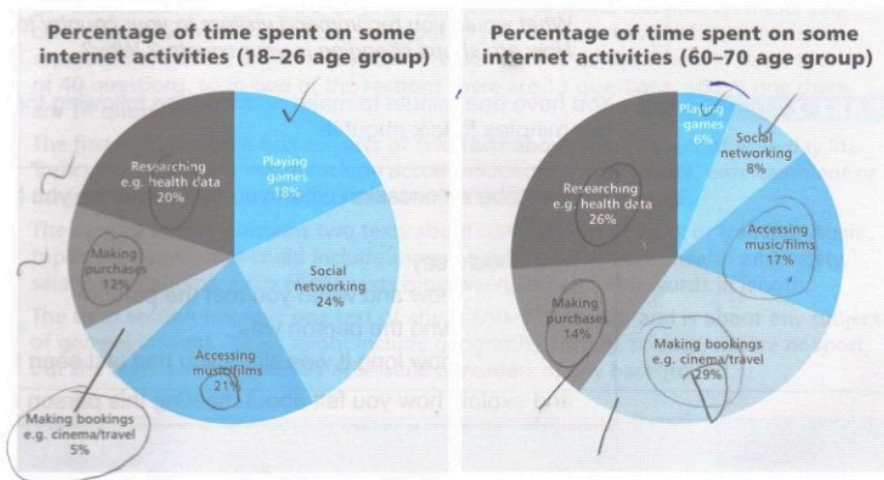
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below show the percentage of time younger and older people spend on various Internet activities in their free time (excluding email).

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people feel that the legal age at which people can marry should be at least 21.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 67

Part 1

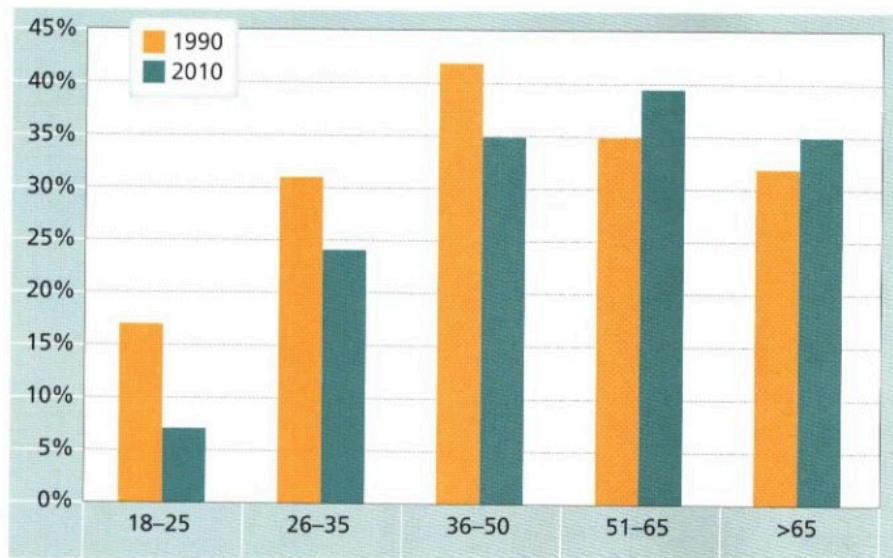
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below gives information on the percentage of British people giving money to charity by age range for the years 1990 and 2010.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Some people work for the same organisation all their working life.

Others think that it is better to work for different organisations.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 68

Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph and table below show the average monthly temperatures and the average number of hours of sunshine per year in three major cities.

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

Write at least 150 words.

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Total annual hours of sunshine for London, New York and Sydney

London	1,180
New York	2,535
Sydney	2,473

Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

One of the consequences of improved medical care is that people are living longer and life expectancy is increasing.

Do you think the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 69

Part 1

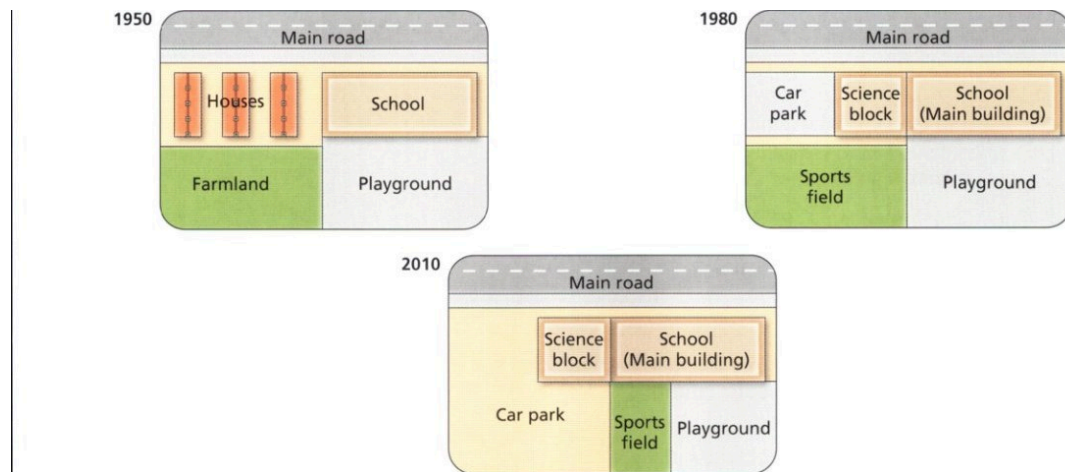
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below show the changes that have taken place at West Park Secondary School since its construction in 1950.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Car ownership has increased so rapidly over the past thirty years that many cities in the world are now 'one big traffic jam'.

How true do you think this statement is?

What measures can governments take to discourage people from using their cars?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 70

Part 1

WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

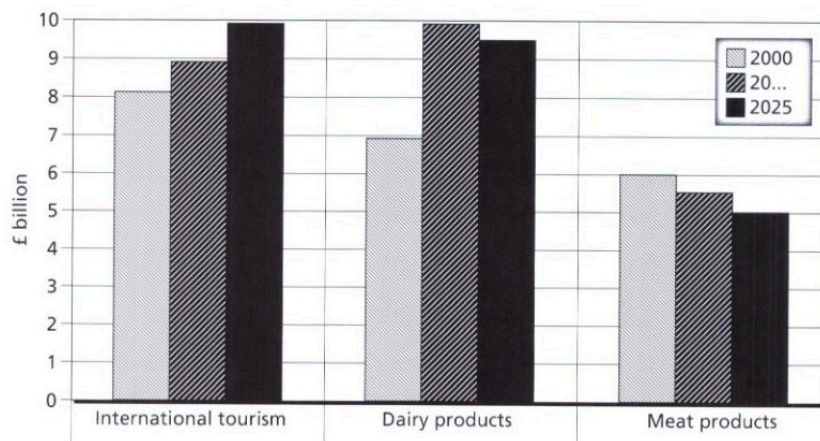
The chart below gives information about Southland's main exports in 2000, *20.., and future projections for 2025.

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

Write at least 150 words.

(*20.. : for test purposes, use and refer to the current year)

Southland's main exports in 2000 and *20.., and future projections for 2025



Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

In some countries an increasing number of people are suffering from health problems as a result of eating too much fast food. It is therefore necessary for governments to impose a higher tax on this kind of food.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 71

Part 1

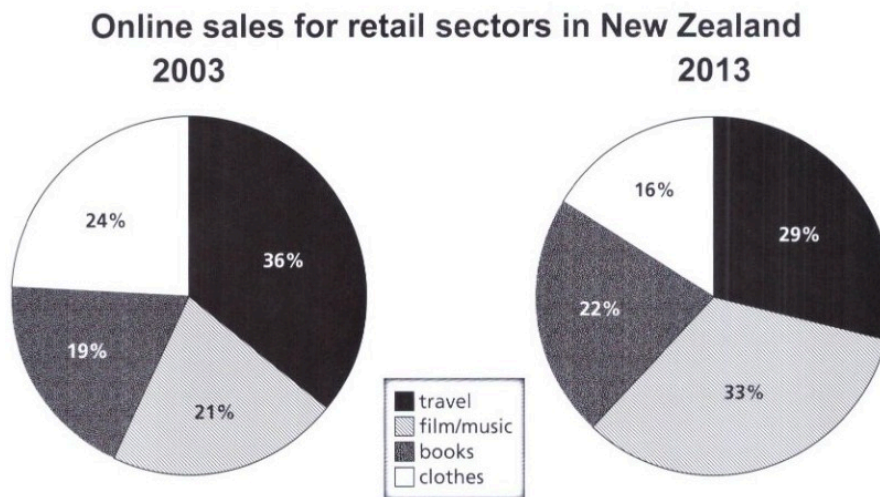
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The pie charts below show the online shopping sales for retail sectors in New Zealand in 2003 and 2013.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Nowadays technology is increasingly being used to monitor what people are saying and doing (for example, through cellphone tracking and security cameras). In many cases, the people being monitored are unaware that this is happening.

Do you think the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?

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

You should write at least 250 words.

Test 72

Part 1

WRITING TASK 1

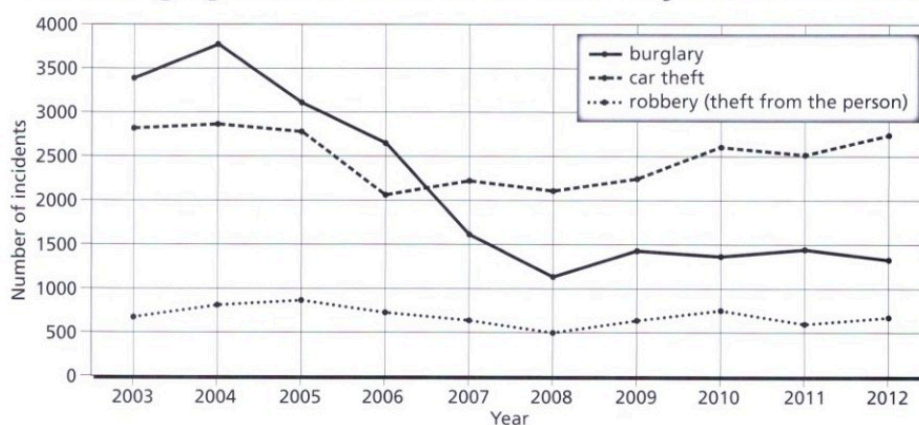
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the changes that took place in three different areas of crime in Newport city centre from 2003–2012.

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

Write at least 150 words.

The changing rates of crime in the inner city from 2003–2012



Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

In the past, when students did a university degree, they tended to study in their own country.

Nowadays, they have more opportunity to study abroad.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this development?

You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 73

Part 1

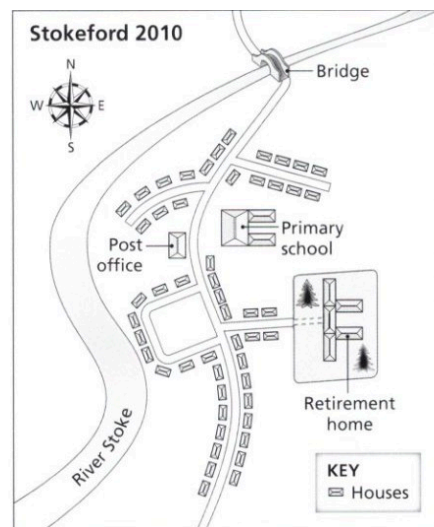
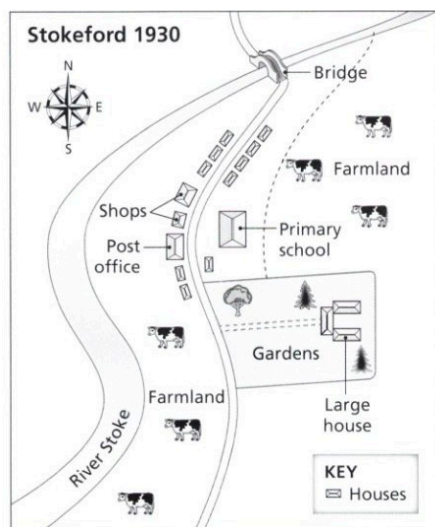
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The maps below show the village of Stokeford in 1930 and in 2010.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

The continued rise in the world's population is the greatest problem faced by humanity at the present time.

What are the causes of this continued rise?

Do you agree that it is the greatest problem faced by humanity?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Test 74

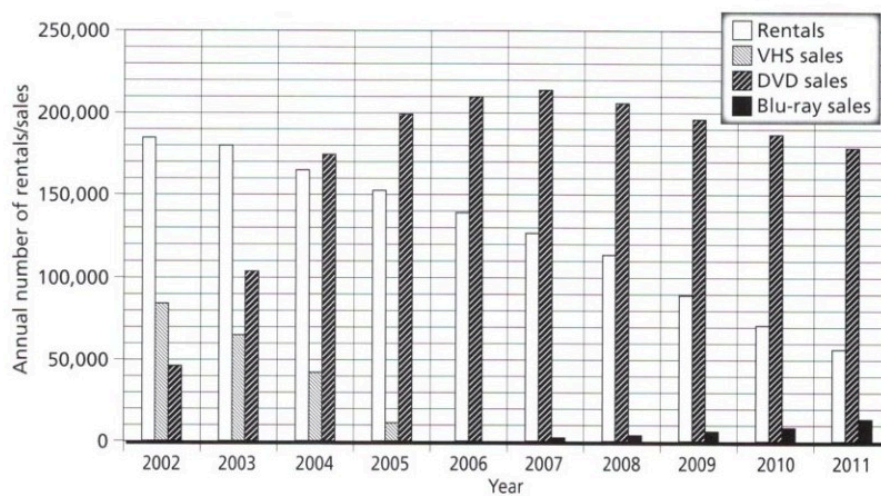
Part 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the annual number of rentals and sales (in various formats) of films from a particular store between 2002 and 2011.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Some people get into debt by buying things they don't need and can't afford.

What are the reasons for this behaviour?

What action can be taken to prevent people from having this problem?

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

Write at least 250 words.