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Summary

This document contains a possible answer to an original IELTS Writing Task 1 for Academic. Some advice about how to prepare and tackle the Task 1 in the Writing test is provided before the Sample question. Note: The sample example is one for a (single) bar graph (see Notes about the Exam in General section).

In general this document may be useful for,

This paper can be used as an example as how to write an essay for the Task 1. It should provide a general guideline about a good answer in terms of structure, ideas and language (formal) used. The candidate has to keep in mind that this is only one example approaches out of many possibilities.

Notes about the Exam in General

The essay in Task 1 must be of at least 150 words written in about 20 minutes. Note that the examinee has 60 minutes for the whole Writing Test (Task 1 and Task 2). It is advised to spend 20 minutes on the Task 1. Task 1 is worth half the amount of marks allocated to Task 2 for the candidate's total score in the Writing test. The students taking the IELTS test are responsible of managing their own time.

The key to successful essay writing is 'lots of practice, lots of guidance and lots of patience'.

The task that the candidate needs to complete is to describe a graph in a report. This report is intended for a university lecturer/researcher; thus, the language used should be appropriate, i.e. formal and technical as much as possible.

The different graphs that can be provided in Writing 1 Task:

- Single line graph
- Double line graph
- Bar graph (Single, Double or Triple bar graph)
- Pie chart
- Table
- Process

Task 1 usually involves describing and explaining data, describing the stages of a process, how something works or describing an object or event.

The approach I would advise for Academic Writing Task 1 is:

- 1) Introduction: A sentence mentioning what the graph is about.
- 2) Overview / Summary: A description containing the overall trend of the graph and any noticeable features.
- 3) Specific details: Write in 2 paragraphs (if possible) about specific points (year, items, etc...).

Note: A conclusion is not necessary as you would usually use one to present a final decision or opinion about something, and Task 1 is a report not an essay where you need to provide your opinion.

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