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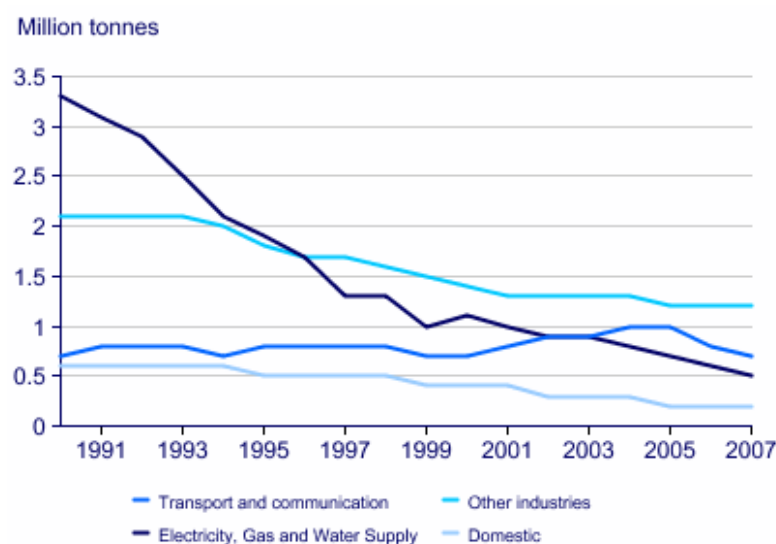
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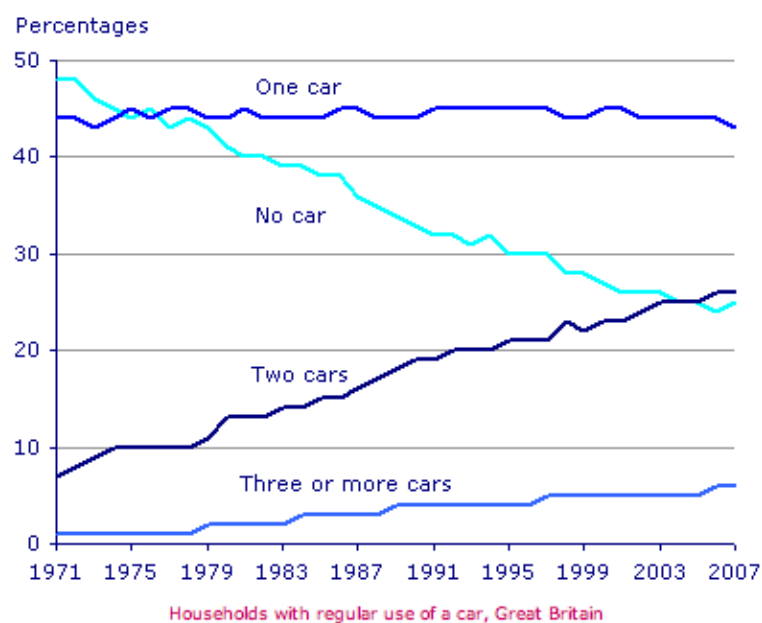
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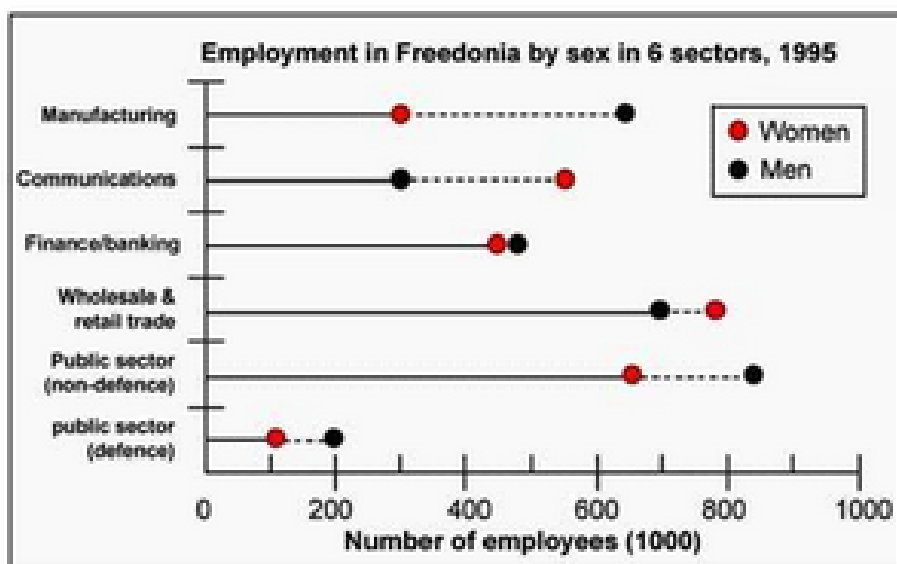
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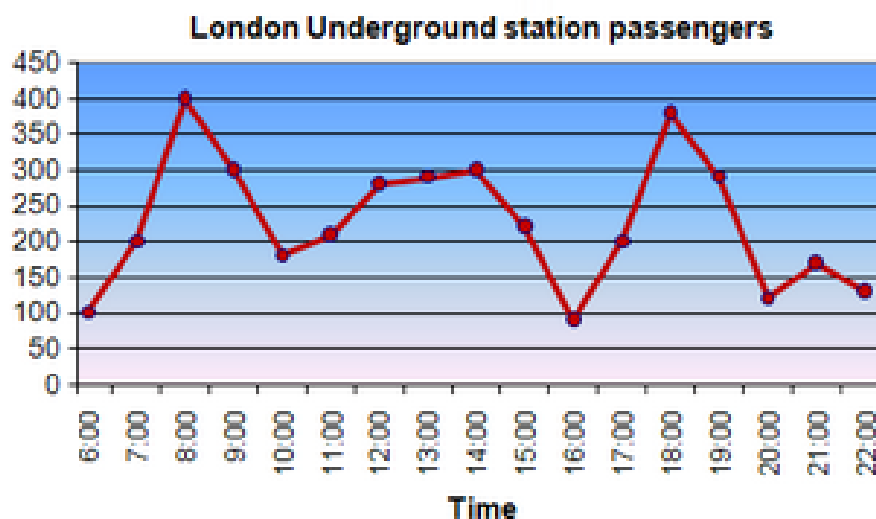
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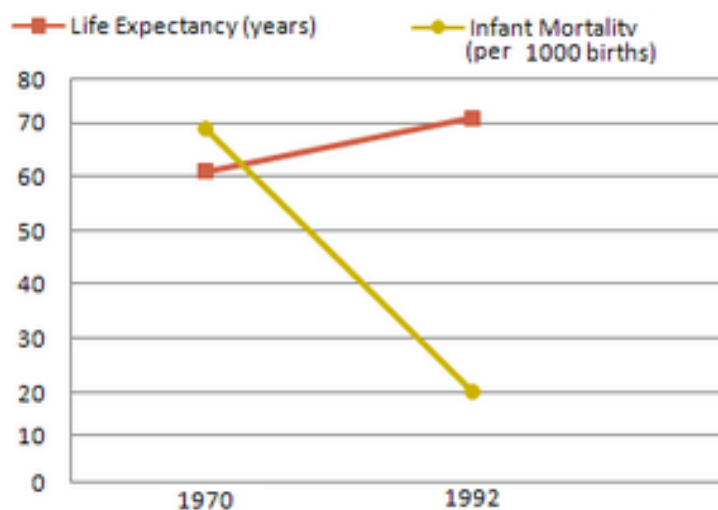
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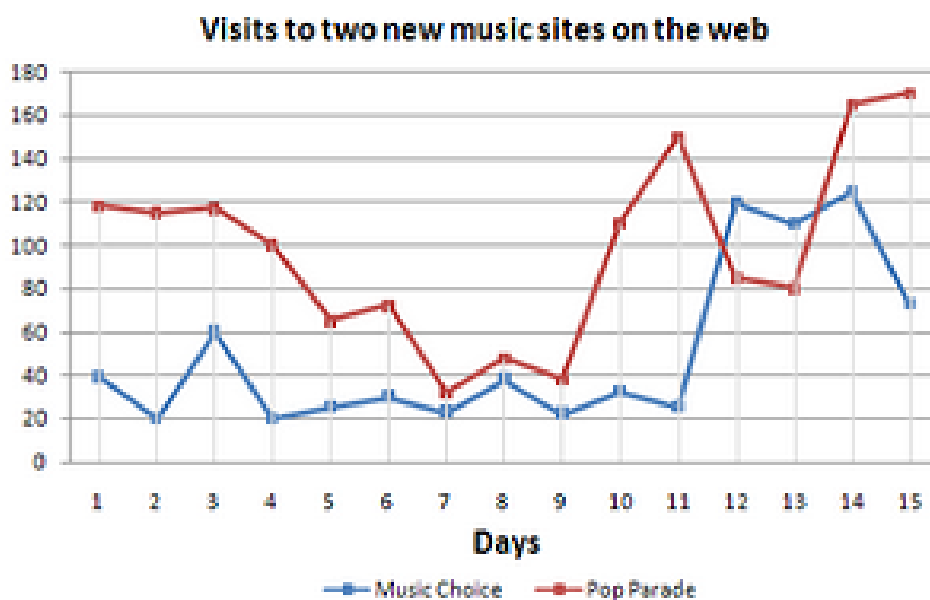
4. The graph shows Underground Station Passenger Numbers in London.



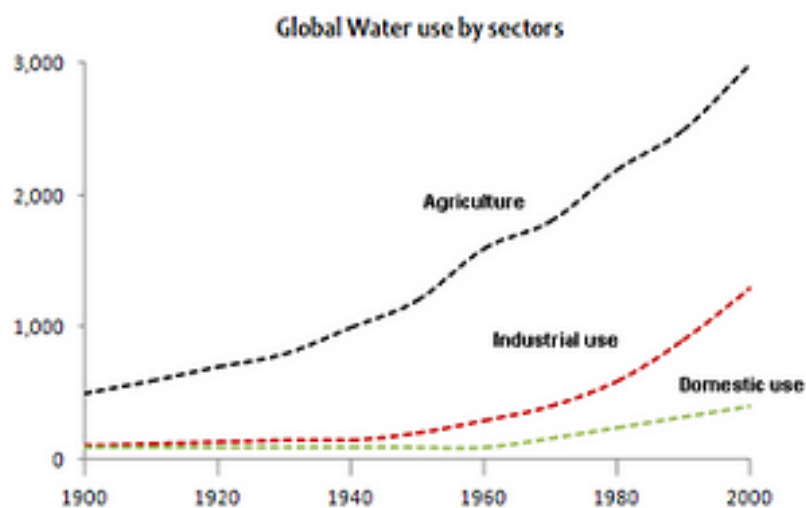
5. The graphs below show the Expenditure on Health & Education, UAE as percentage of GDP and Infant mortality and life expectancy.



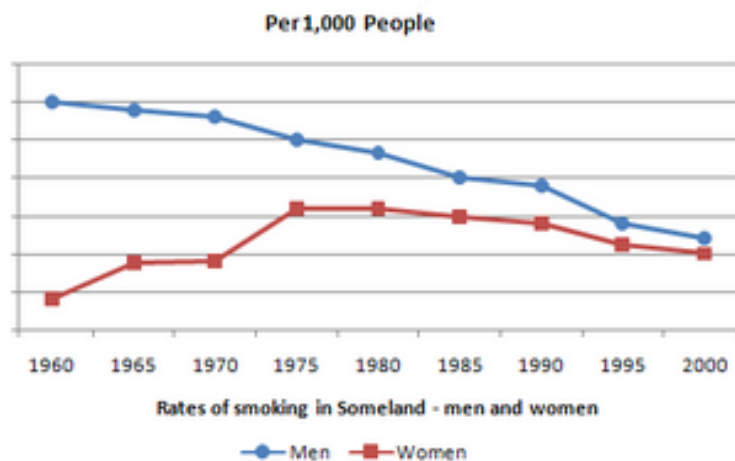
6. The graph below compares the number of visits to two new music sites on the web.



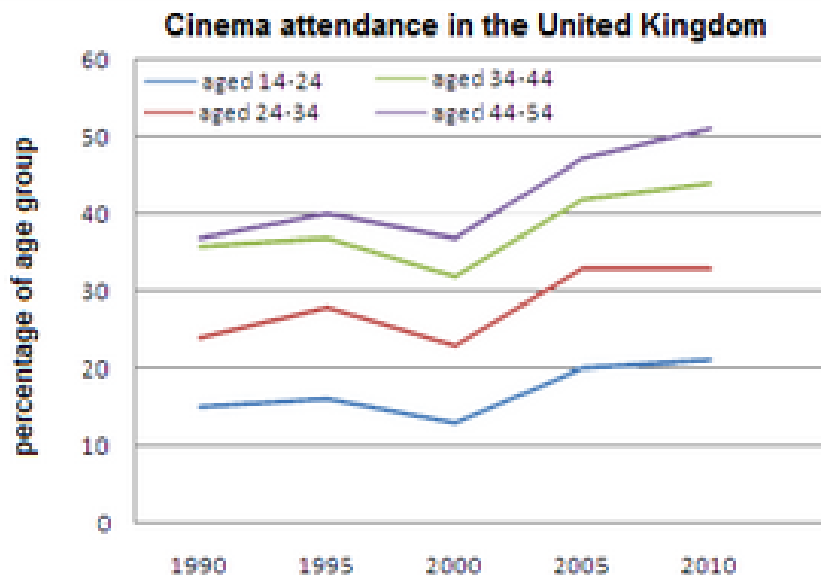
7. The graph and table below give information about water use worldwide and water consumption in two different countries.



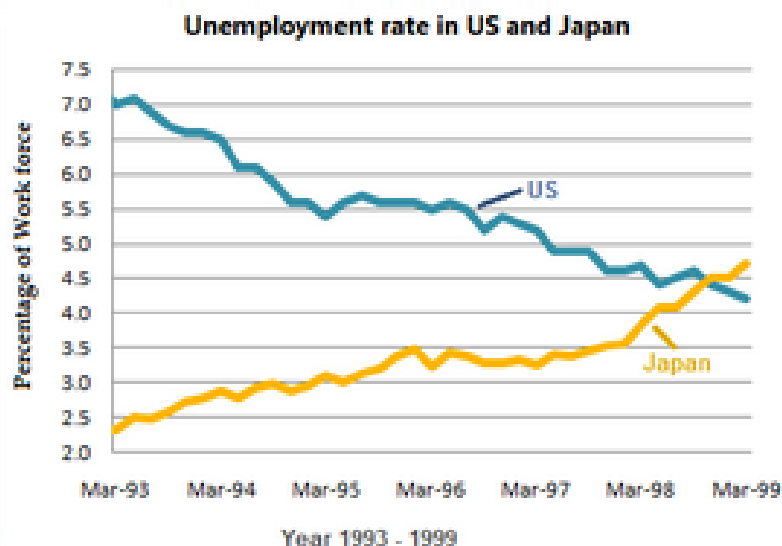
8. The graph below shows the rate of smoking per 1000 people in Someland from 1960 to 2000.



9. The line graph below gives information on cinema attendance in the UK.

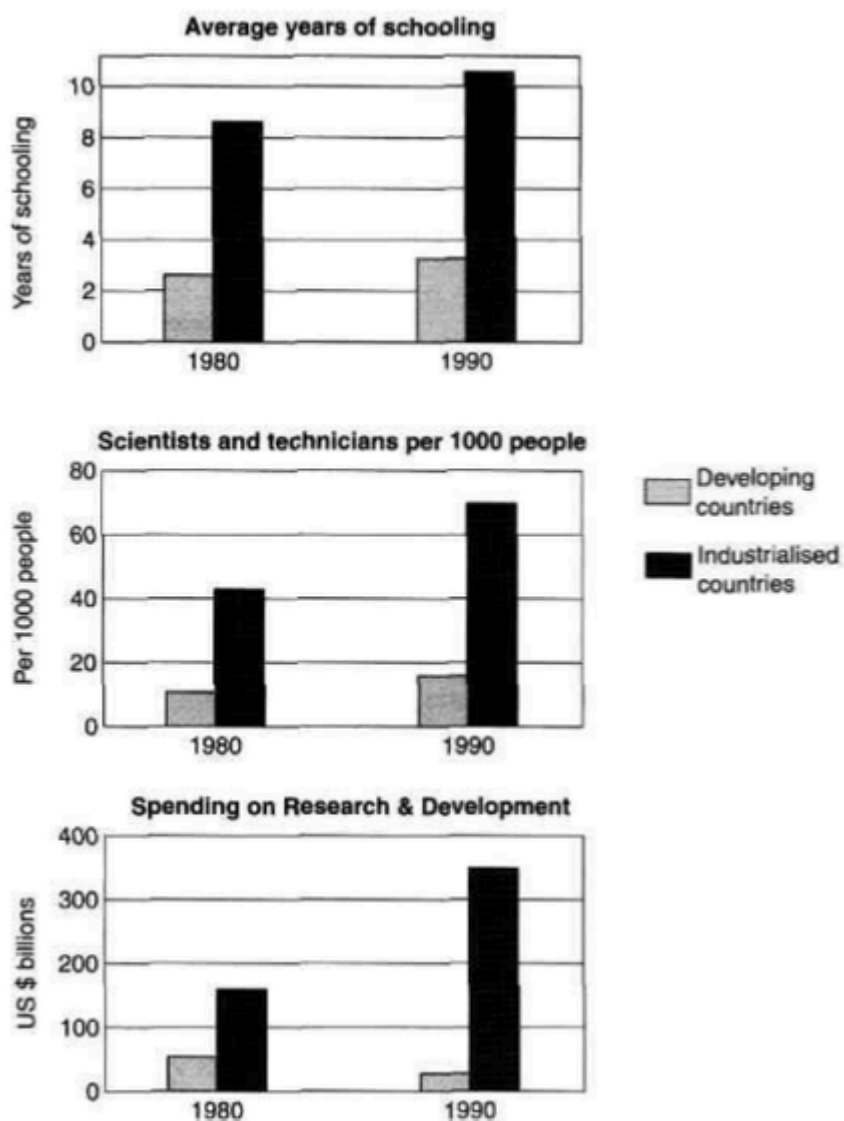


10. The graph below shows the unemployment rates in the US and Japan between March 1993 and March 1999.

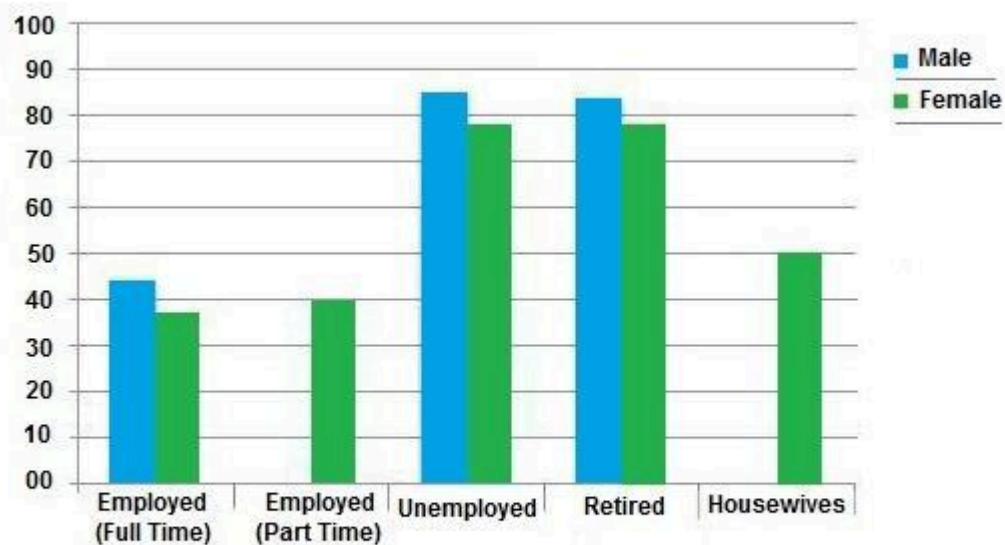


B. Bar Chart

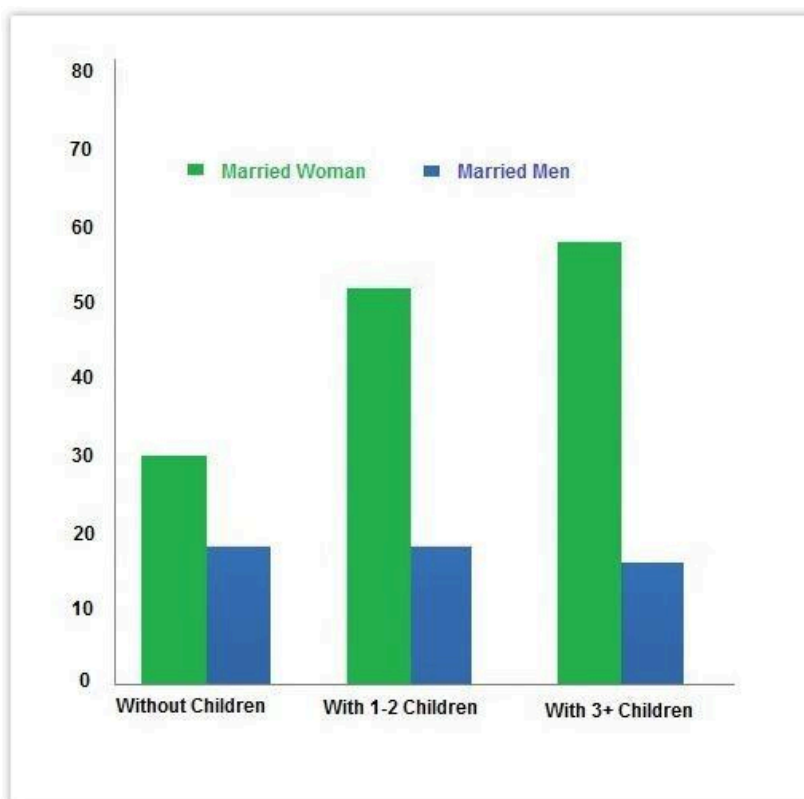
1. The charts below show the levels of participation in education and science in developing and industrialized countries in 1980 and 1990.



2. The chart below shows the amount of leisure time enjoyed by men and women of different employment status.

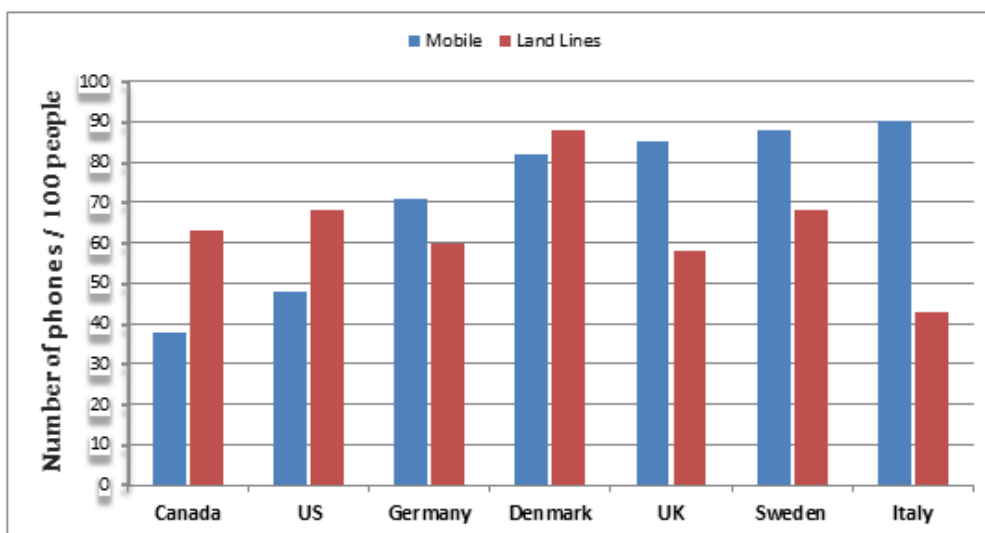


3. The diagram below shows the average hours of unpaid work per week done by people in different categories. (Unpaid work refers to such activities as childcare in the home, housework and gardening.)



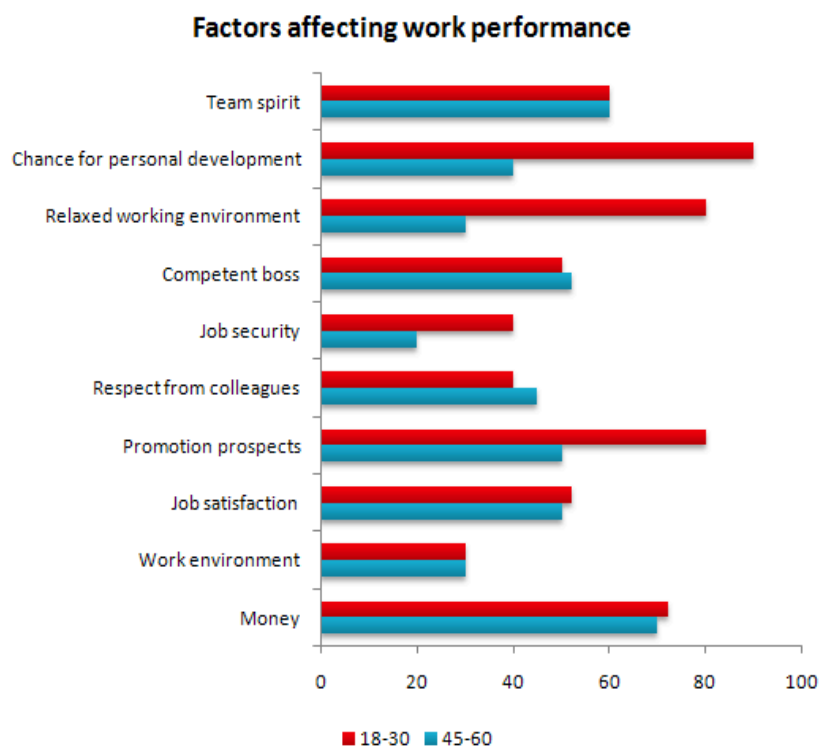
4. The chart shows the number of mobile phones and landlines per 100 people in selected countries.

Mobile Phones and Land Lines per 100 people

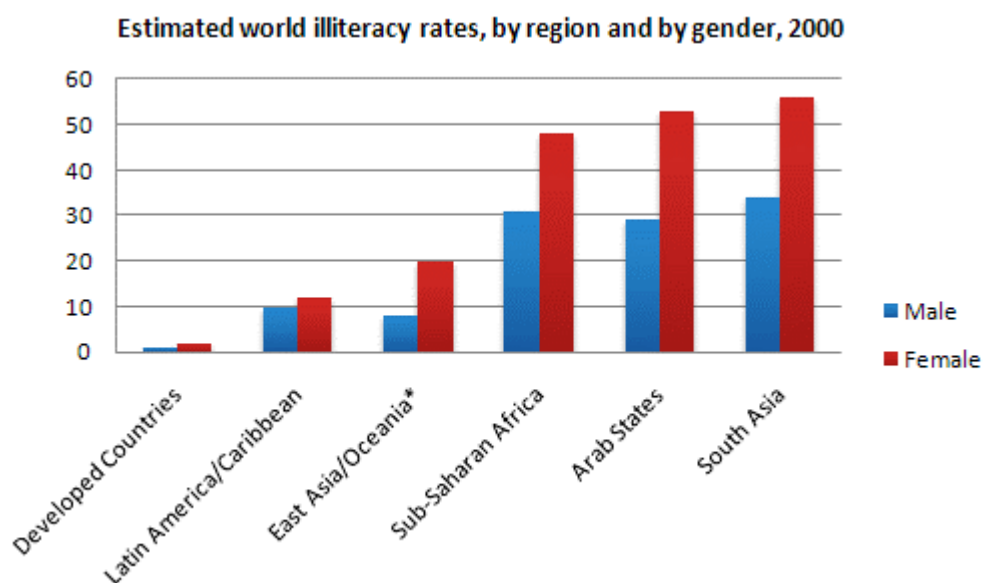


5. The bar chart below shows the results of a survey conducted by a personnel department at a major company. The survey was carried out on two groups of workers: those aged from 18-30 and those aged 45-60,

and shows factors affecting their work performance.

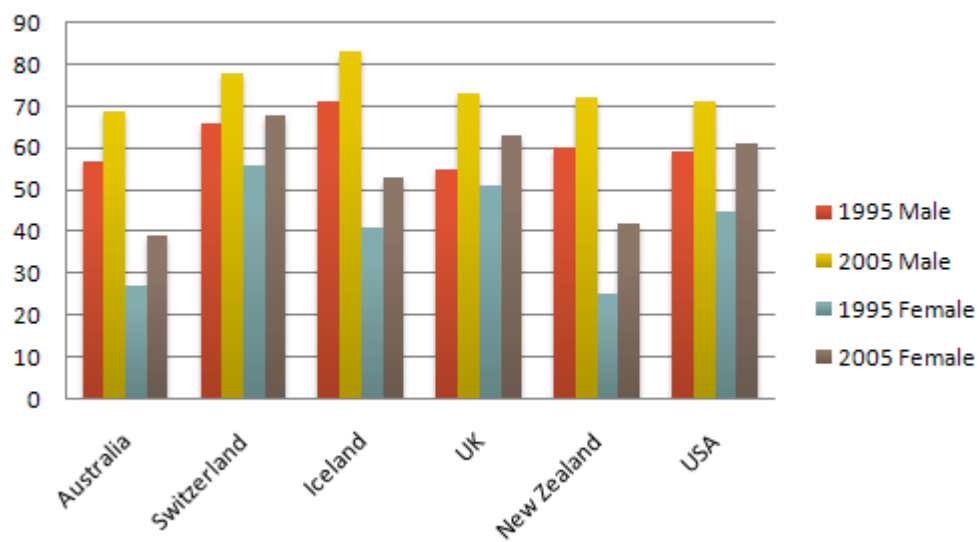


6. The chart below shows estimated world illiteracy rates by region and by gender for the year 2000.

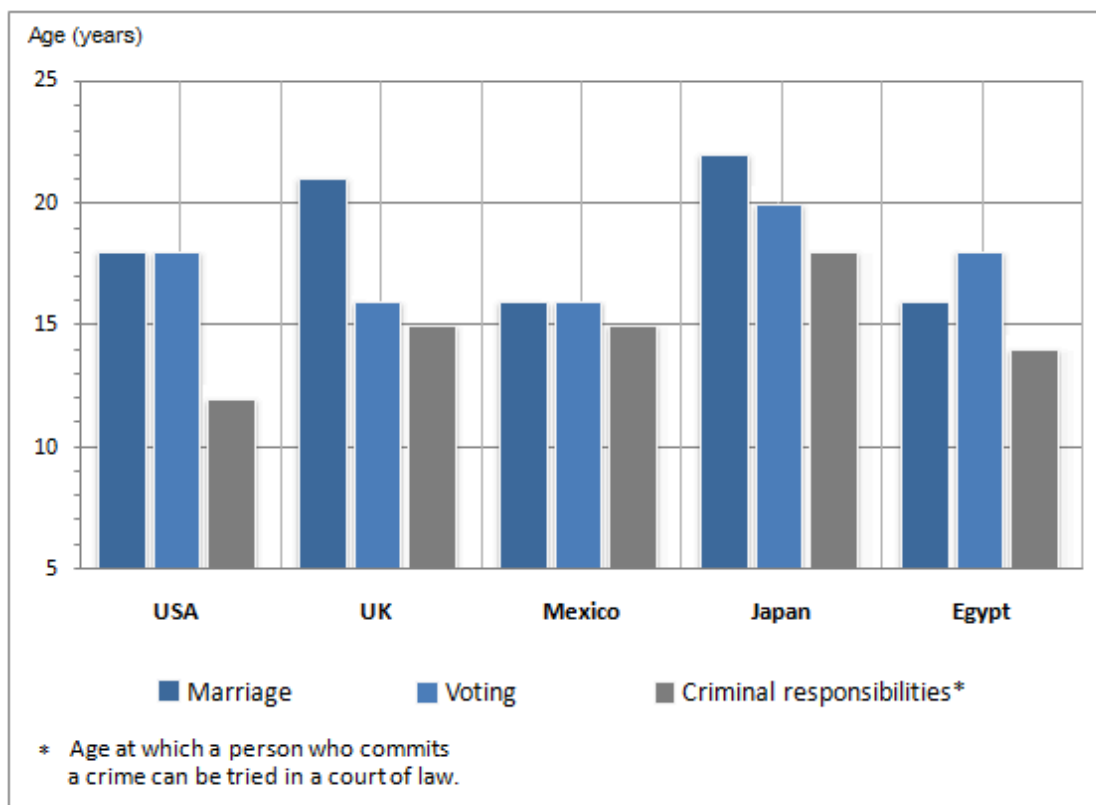


7. The graph below shows information on employment rates across 6 countries in 1995 and 2005.

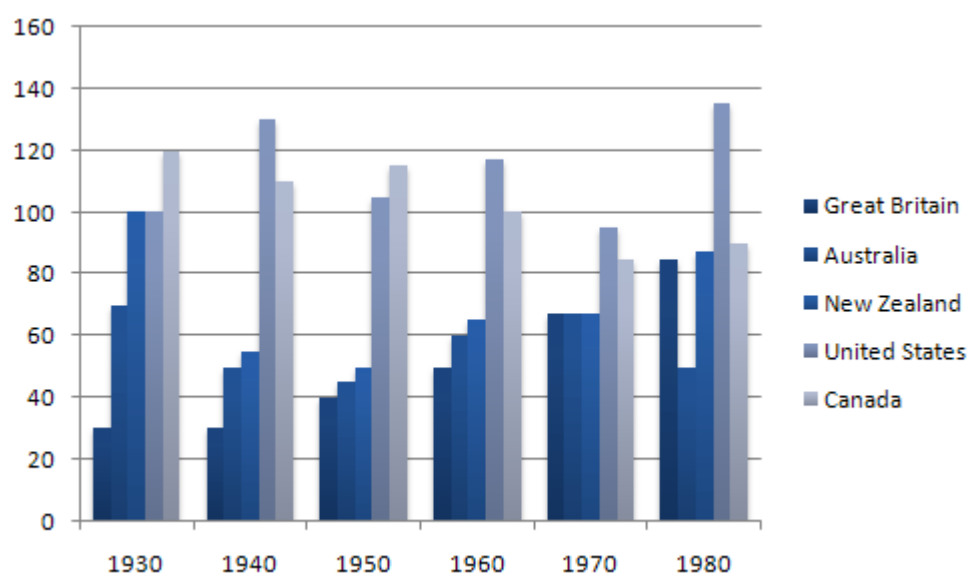
Employment Rates, by Country, 1995 - 2005



8. The figure shows the results of a survey of 1000 adolescents in five different countries. The participants were asked at what age they believed certain rights and responsibilities should be granted to young people.



9. The table below shows the figures (in thousand) for imprisonment in five countries between 1930 and 1980.



10. The chart below shows the amount of money per week spent on fast foods in Britain. The graph shows the trends in consumption of fast foods.

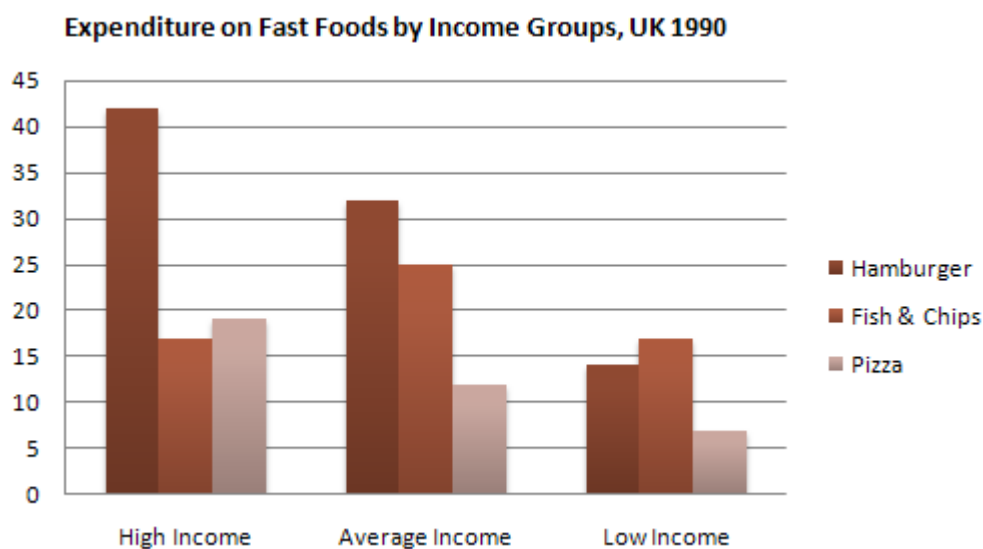
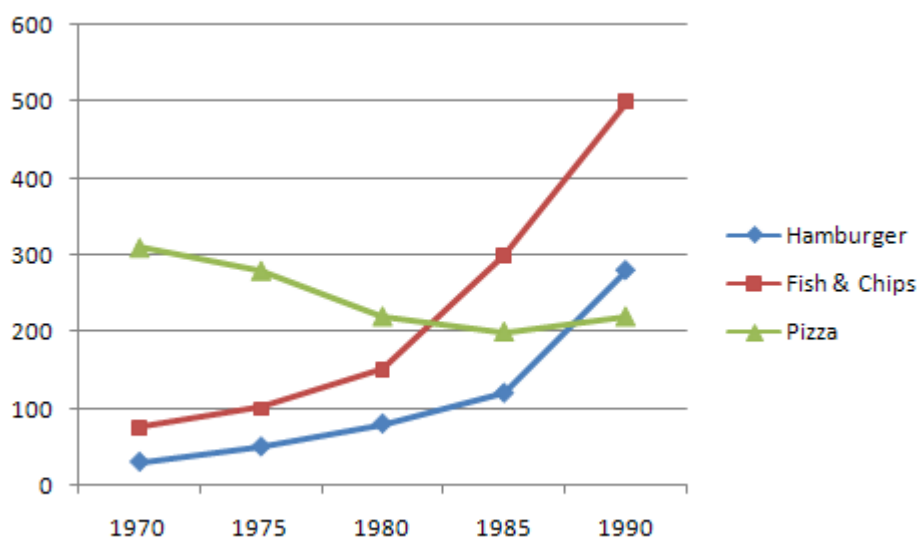


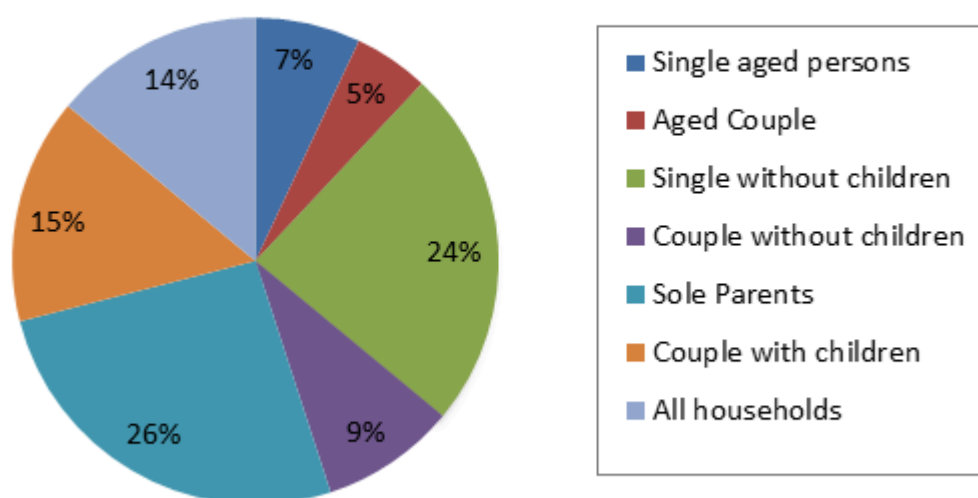
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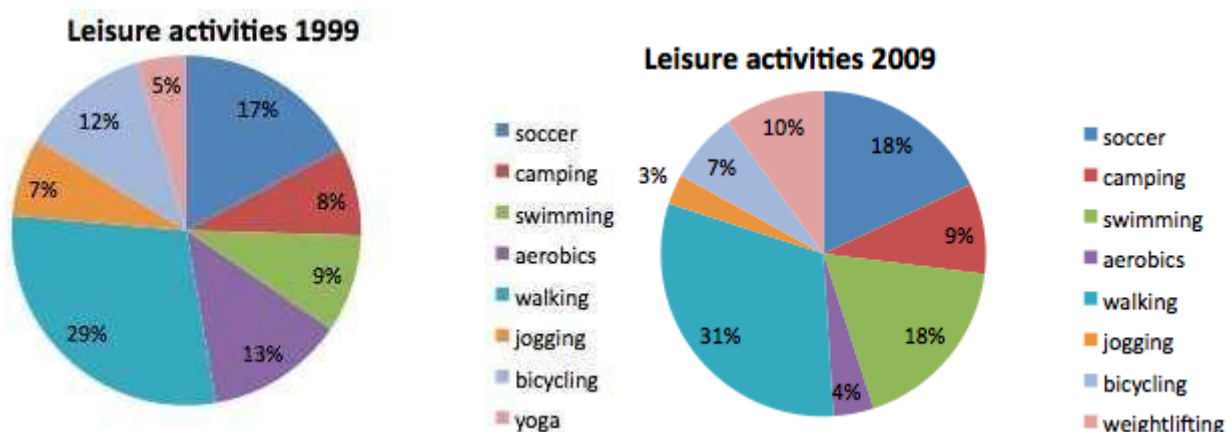
C. Pie Chart

- The pie chart below shows the proportion of different categories of families living in poverty in UK in 2002.

Proportion of people from each household type living in poverty

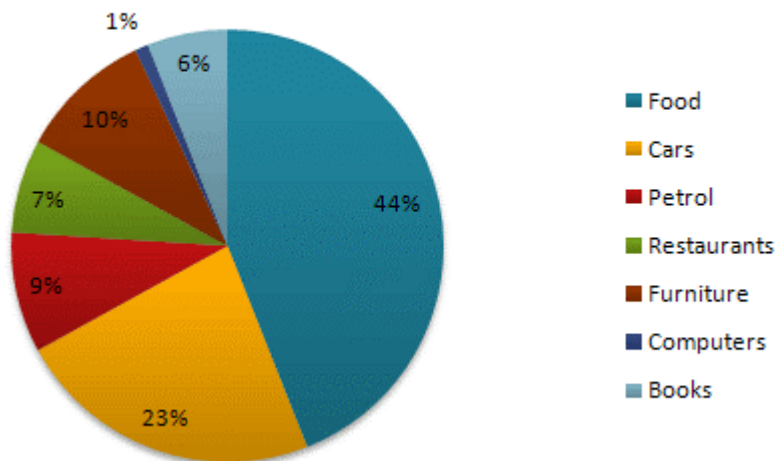


- The following pie charts show the results of a survey into the most popular leisure activities in the United States of America in 1999 and 2009.

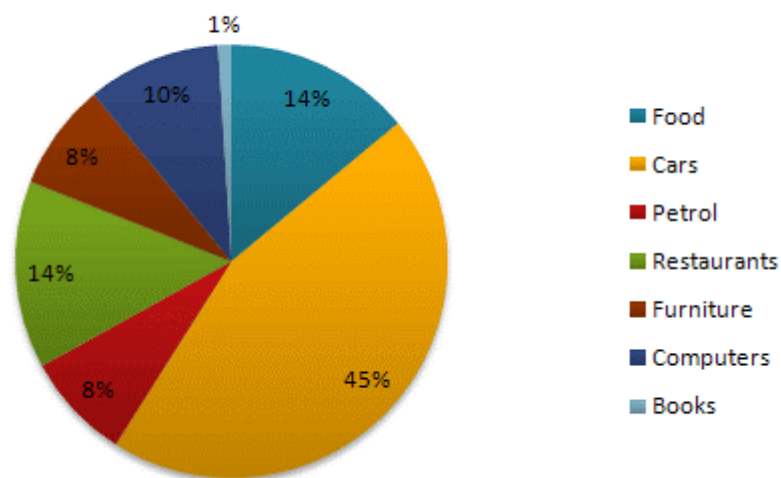


3. The given pie charts compare the expenses in 7 different categories in 1966 and 1996 by American Citizens.

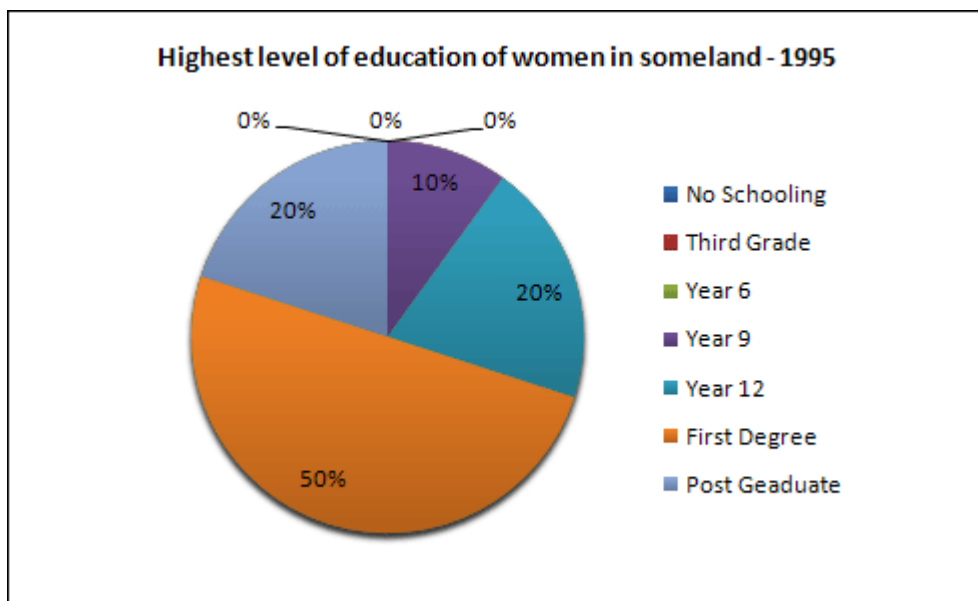
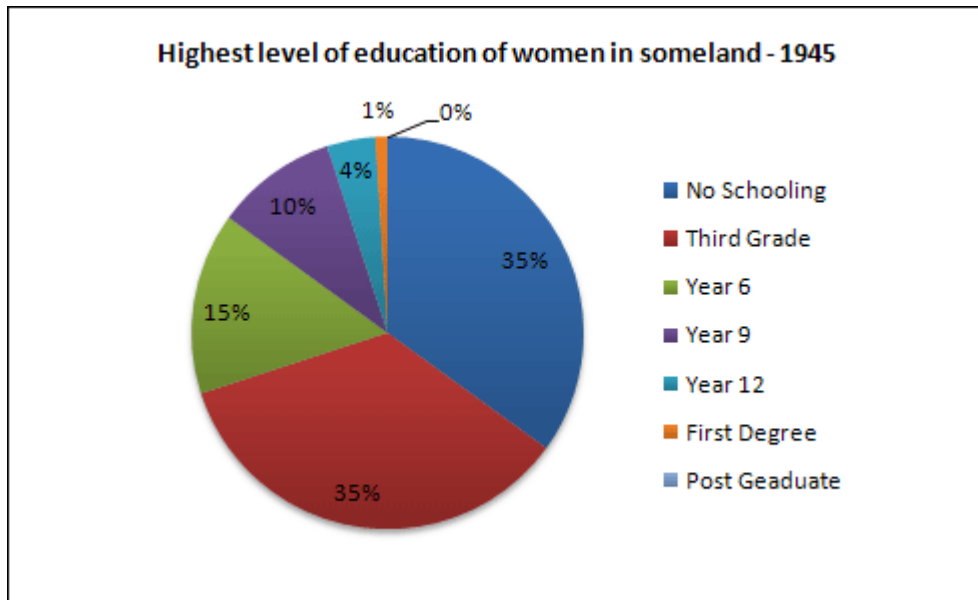
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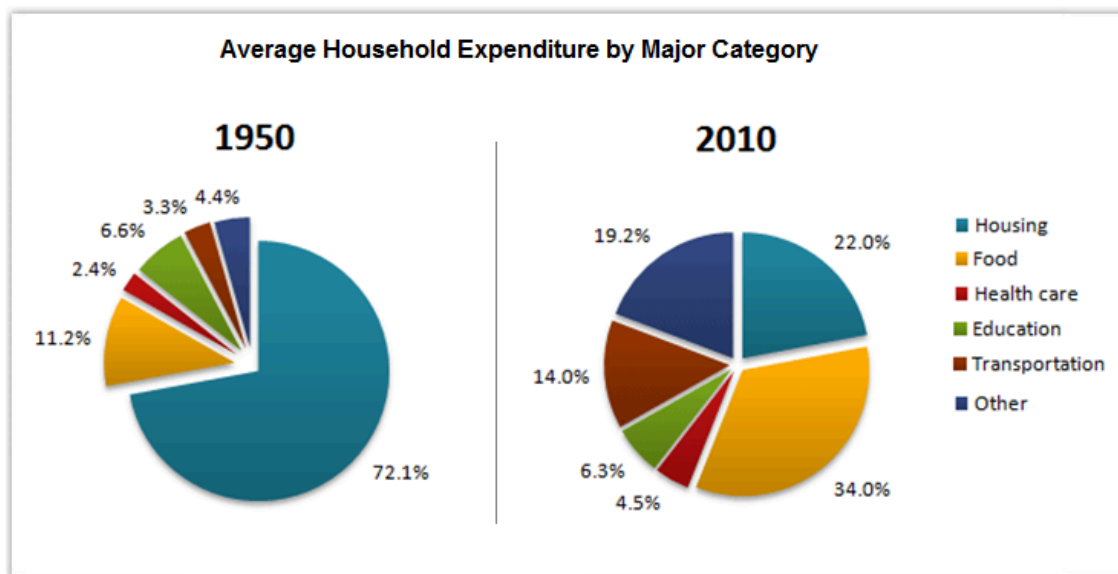
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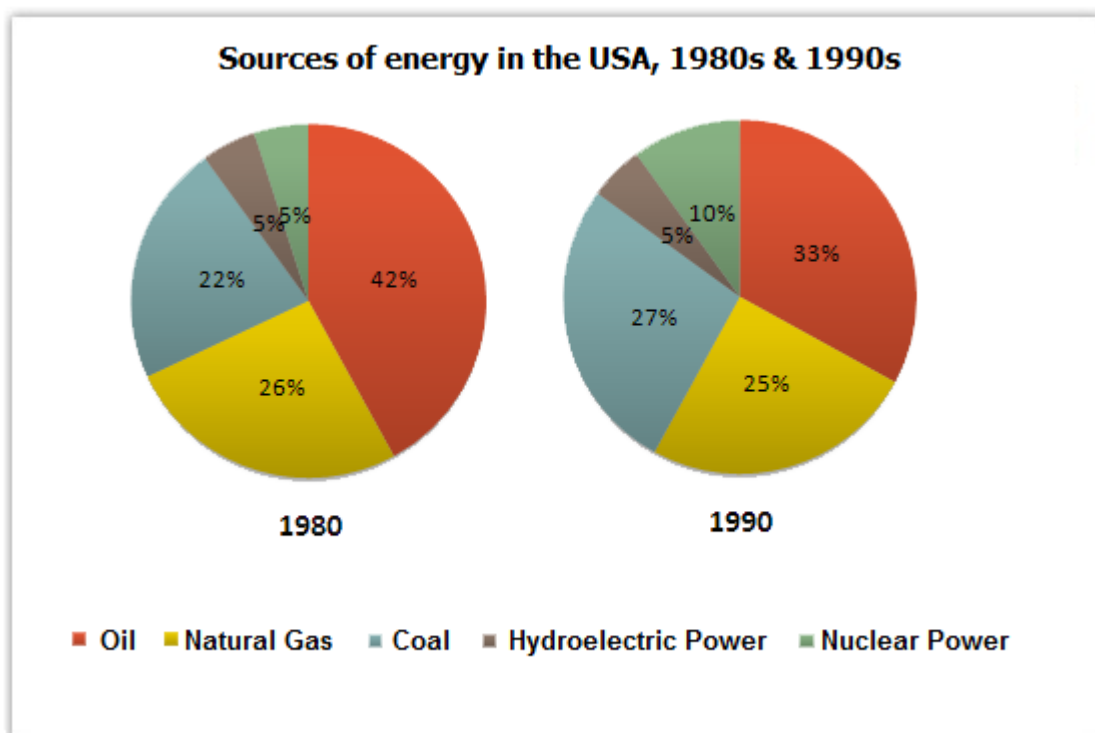
4. The pie chart below shows information on the highest level of education of women in Someland in 1945 and 1995.



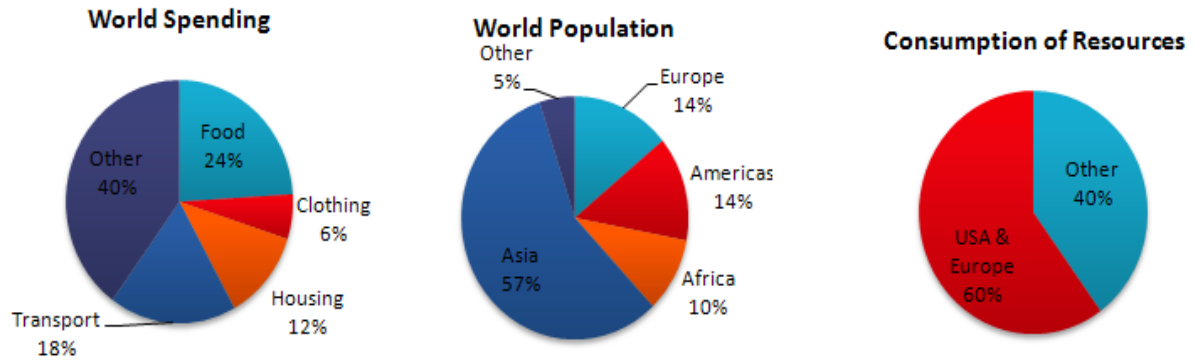
5. The pie charts below show the average household expenditures in a country in 1950 and 2010.



6. The two graphs show the main sources of energy in the USA in the 1980s and the 1990s.

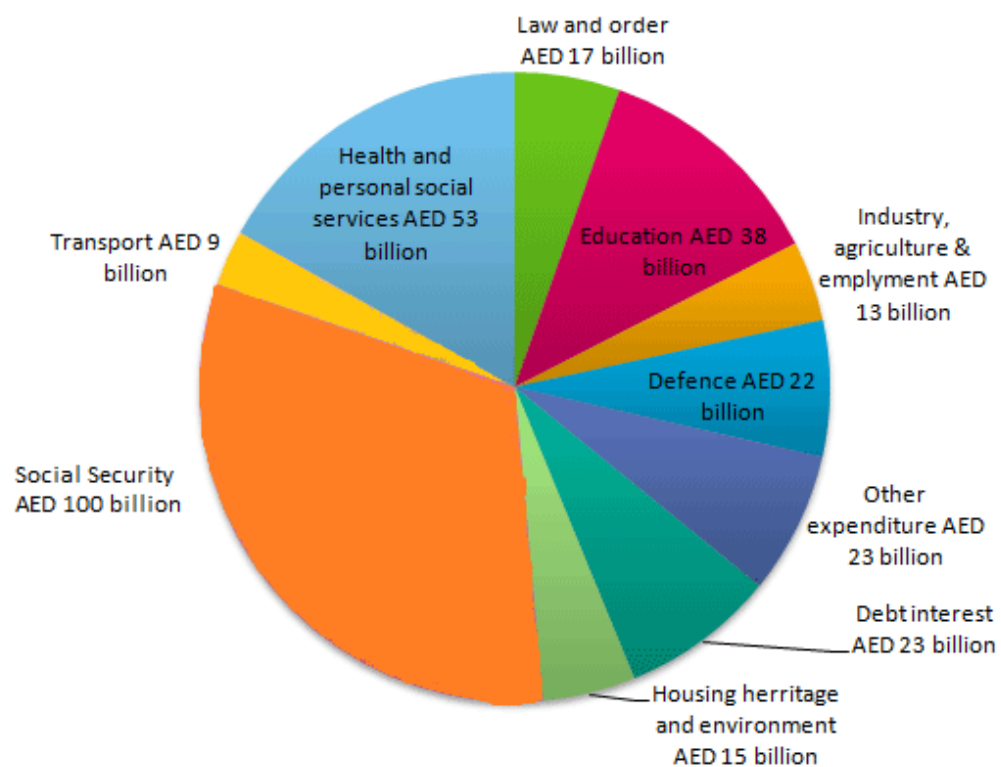


7. The pie charts below give data on the spending and consumption of resources by countries of the world and how the population is distributed.

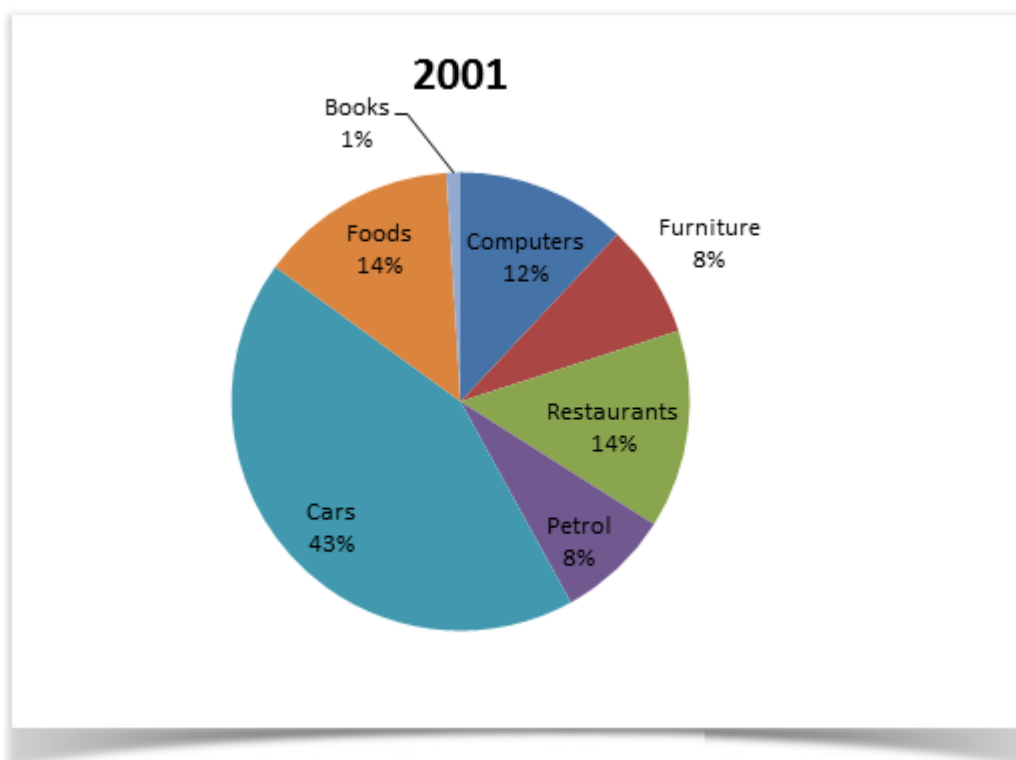
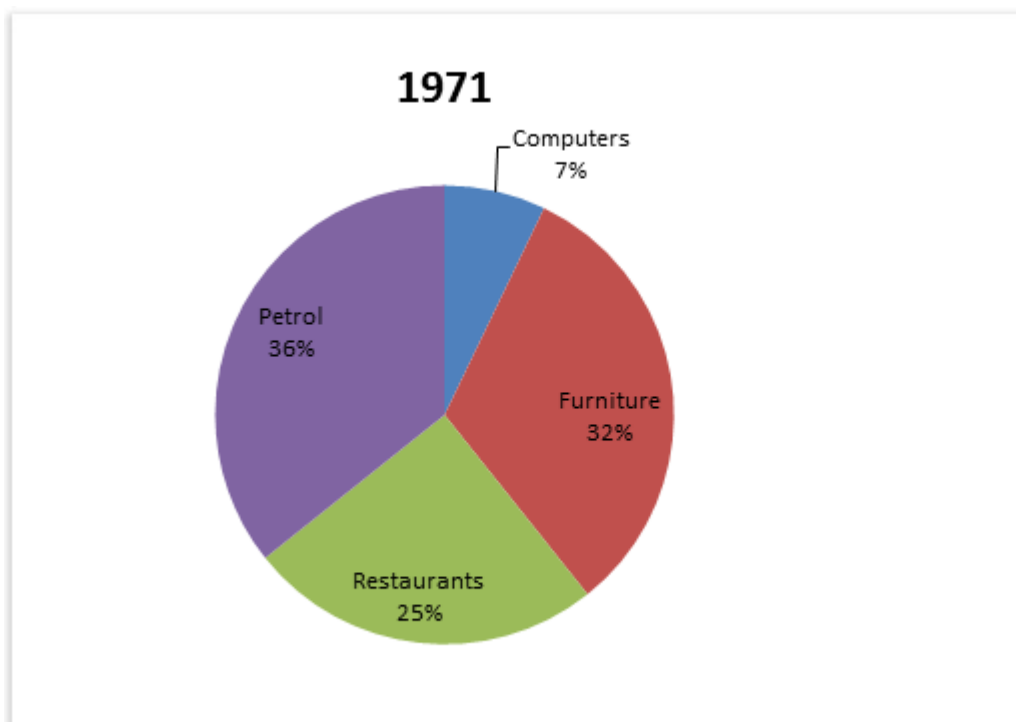


8. The pie chart gives information on UAE government spending in 2000. The total budget was AED 315 billion.

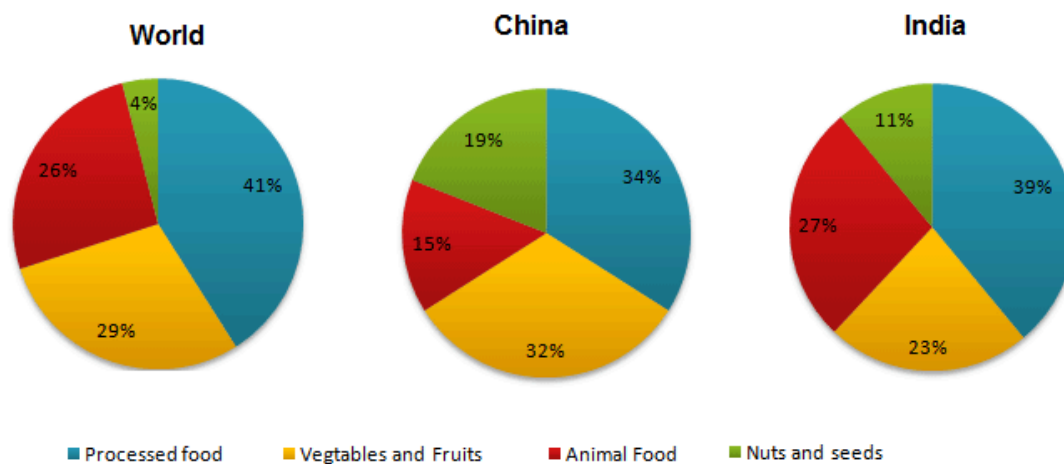
Where the Moeny goes



9. The graphs show changes in spending habits of people in the UK between 1971 and 2001.



10. The pie charts show the average consumption of food in the world in 2008 compared to two countries; China and India.



D. Table

1. The table below gives information about the underground railway systems in six cities.

City	Date opened	Kilometres of route	Passengers per year (in millions)
London	1863	394	775
Paris	1900	199	1191
Tokyo	1927	155	1927
Washington DC	1976	126	144
Kyoto	1981	11	45
Los Angeles	2001	28	50

2. The table below shows the proportion of different categories of families living in poverty in Australia in 1999.

Family type	Proportion of people from each household type living in poverty
single aged person	6% (54,000)
aged couple	4% (48,000)
single, no children	19% (359,000)
couple, no children	7% (211,000)
sole parent	21% (232,000)
couple with children	12% (933,000)
all households	11% (1,837,000)

3. The chart below shows average hours and minutes spent by UK males and females on different daily activities.

	Hours and minutes per day	
	Males	Females
Sleep	8.04	8.18
Resting	0.43	0.48
Personal care	0.40	0.48
Eating and drinking	1.25	1.19
Leisure		
Watching TV/DVD and listen to radio/music	2.50	2.25
Social life and entertainment/culture	1.22	1.32
Hobbies and games	0.37	0.23
Sport	0.13	0.07
Reading	0.23	0.26
All leisure	5.25	4.53
Employment and study	3.45	2.26
Housework	1.41	3.00
Childcare	0.15	0.32
Voluntary work and meetings	0.15	0.20
Travel	1.32	1.22
Other	0.13	0.15

4. The table below gives information on consumer spending on different items in five different countries in 2002.

Percentage of national consumer expenditure by category - 2002

Country	Food/Drinks/ Tobacco	Clothing/ Footwear	Leisure/ Education
Ireland	28.91%	6.43%	2.21%
Italy	16.36%	9.00%	3.20%
Spain	18.80%	6.51%	1.98%
Sweden	15.77%	5.40%	3.22%
Turkey	32.14%	6.63%	4.35%

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6. The table below shows the consumer durables (telephone, refrigerator, etc.) owned in Britain from 1972 to 1983.

Consumer durables	1972	1974	1976	1978	1979	1981	1982	1983
Percentage of households:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central heating	33	43	48	52	55	59	60	64
Television	93	95	96	96	97	97	97	98
Video	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Vacuum cleaner	87	89	92	92	93	94	95	-
Refrigerator	73	81	88	91	92	93	93	94
Washing machine	73	81	88	91	92	93	93	94
Dishwasher	-	-	-	3	3	4	4	5
Telephone	42	50	54	60	67	75	76	77

7. The chart below shows the sleep patterns of people in five different occupations according to a Canadian study.

asleep:



awake:



Occupation Student Truck Driver Full-time Business Executive Doctor
mother

6-7 pm					
7-8 pm					
8-9 pm					
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8. The table below provides information on rental charges and salaries in three areas of London.

Weekly rents per property (£/w)

Salaries needed (£/year)

1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	Area	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed
375	485	738	Notting Hill	98,500	127,500	194,000
325	450	650	Regent's Park	85,500	118,000	170,500
215	390	600	Fulham	56,500	102,500	157,500

9. The graph below shows the Alcohol-related deaths in 7 different countries and the average beer consumption in 2005.

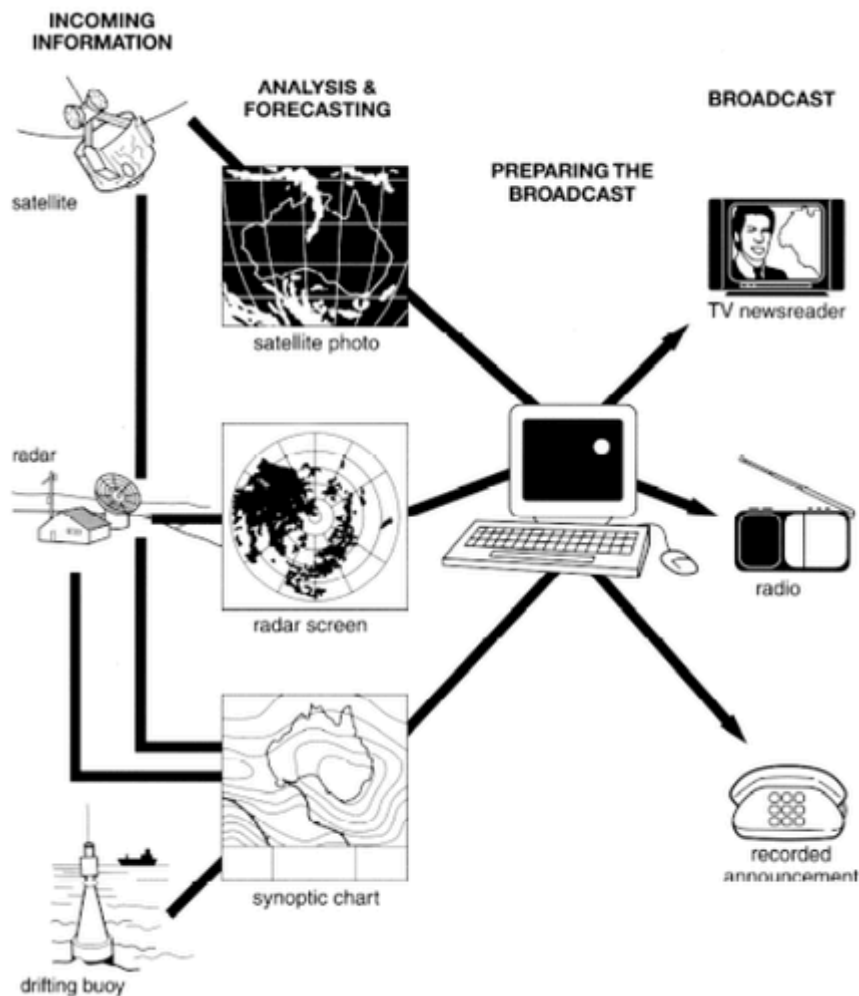
Alcohol-Related Deaths 2005				beers consumption per capita, 2002 (liters)
	Total	Male	Female	
Lithuania	125,000	112,000	13,000	91
Ireland	582,000	413,000	169,000	104
Czech Republic	1,369,000	900,000	469,000	132
Canada	580,000	505,000	75,000	86
Estonia	383,000	332,000	51,000	98
Germany	1,185,000	986,000	200,000	107
Austria	913,000	783,000	130,000	106

10. The table below gives information about Favorite Pastimes in different countries.

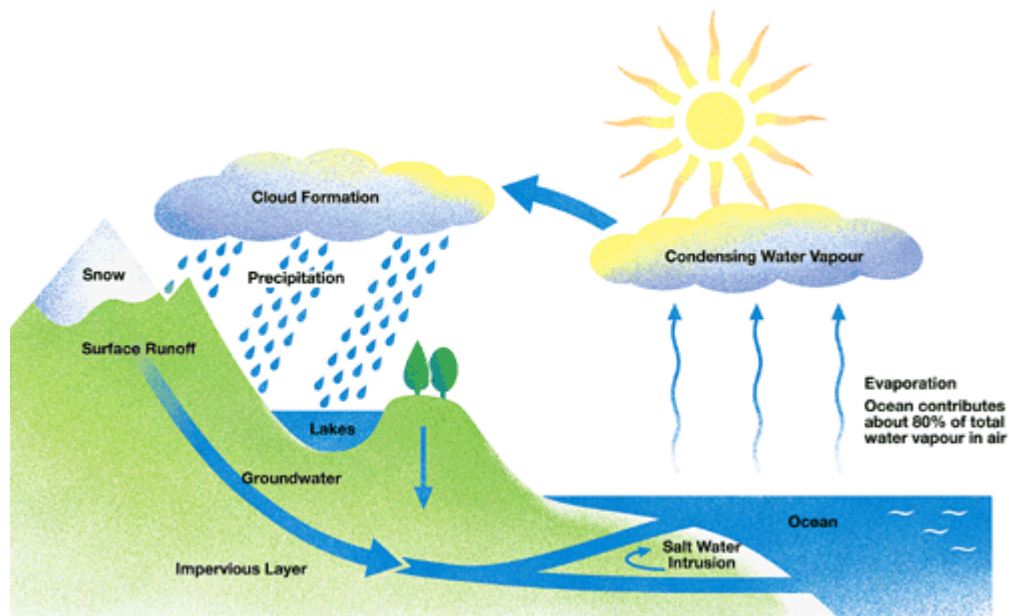
From 30 - 50 years old							
	TV	Sport	Reading	Hobbies	Music	Beach	Sleep
Canada	60	22	15	40	3	0	2
France	/	/	30	20	4	/	/
England	/	/	30	21	4	/	20
Australia	65	30	15	45	5	30	4
Korea	22	21	60	45	2	2	4
China	15	25	60	50	0	5	5
USA	60	23	15	42	23	30	2
Japan	/	/	62	/	/	/	/

E. Process

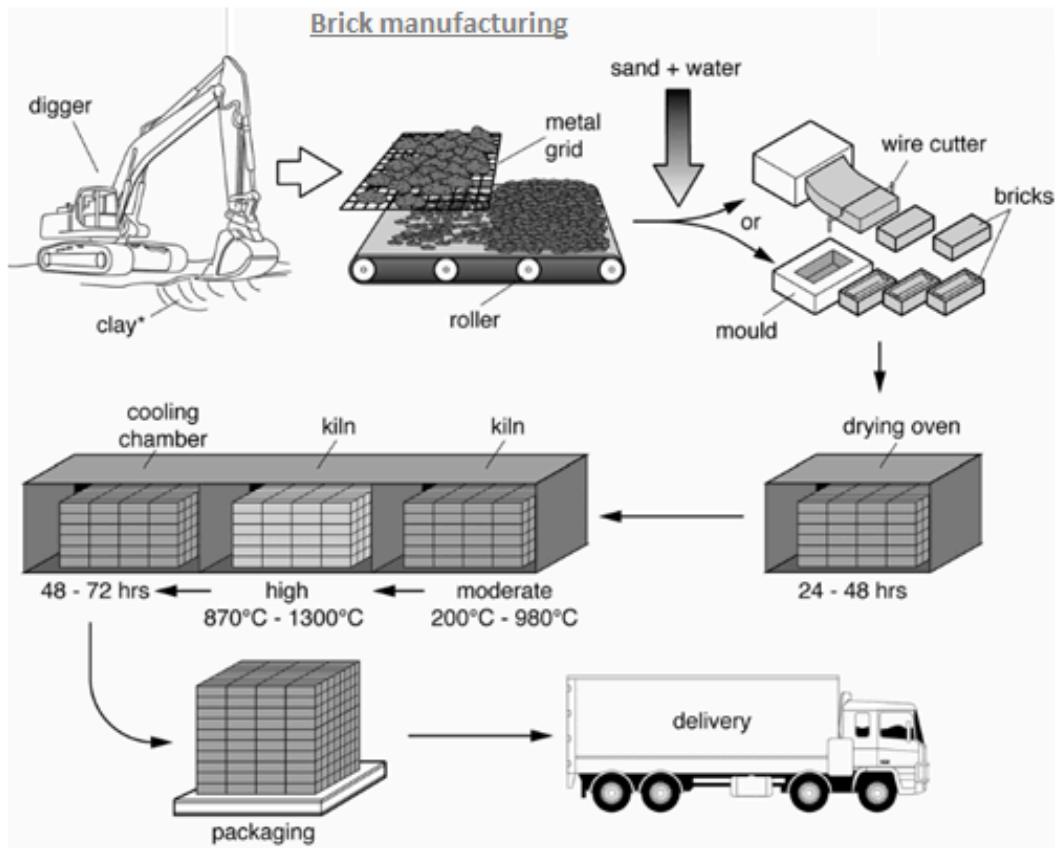
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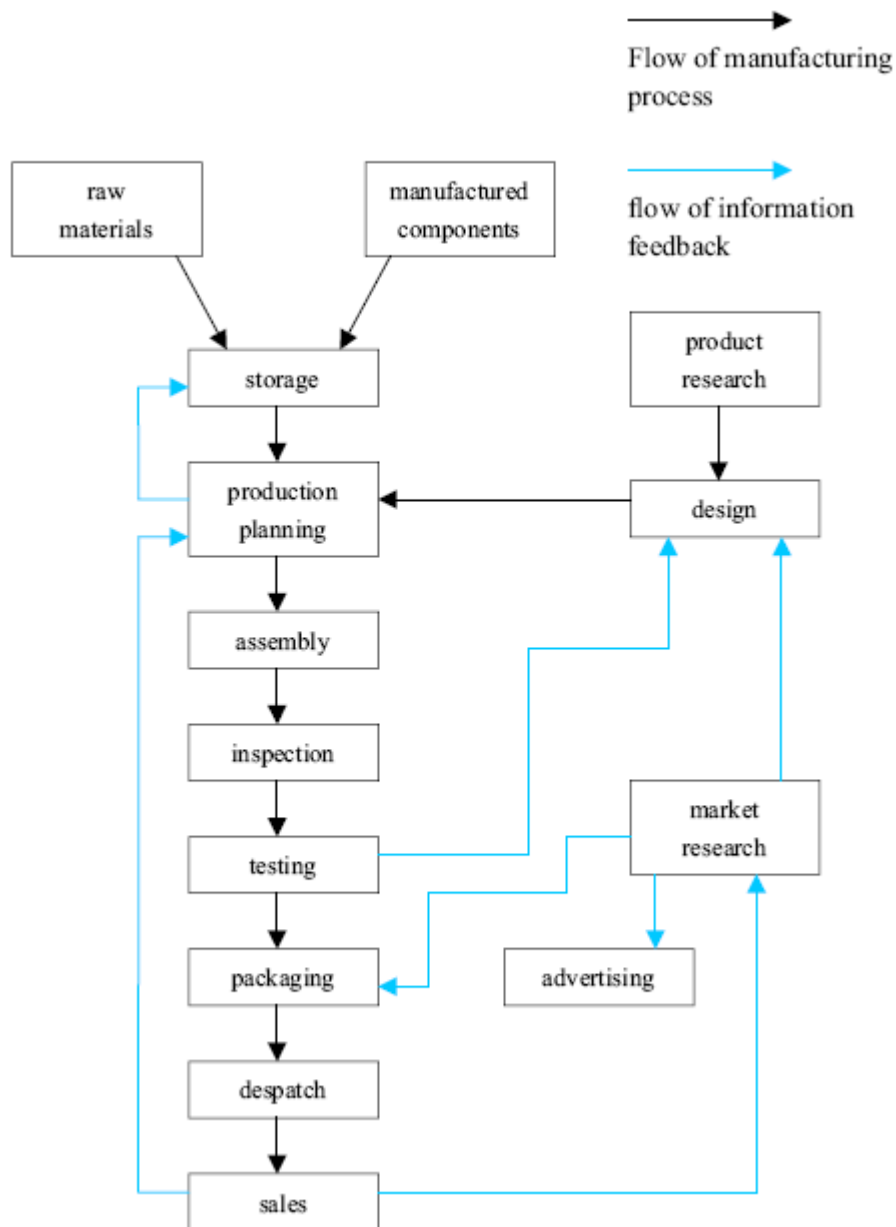
2. The diagram below shows the water cycle, which is the continuous movement of water on, above and below the surface of the Earth.



3. The diagram below shows the process by which bricks are manufactured for the building industry.

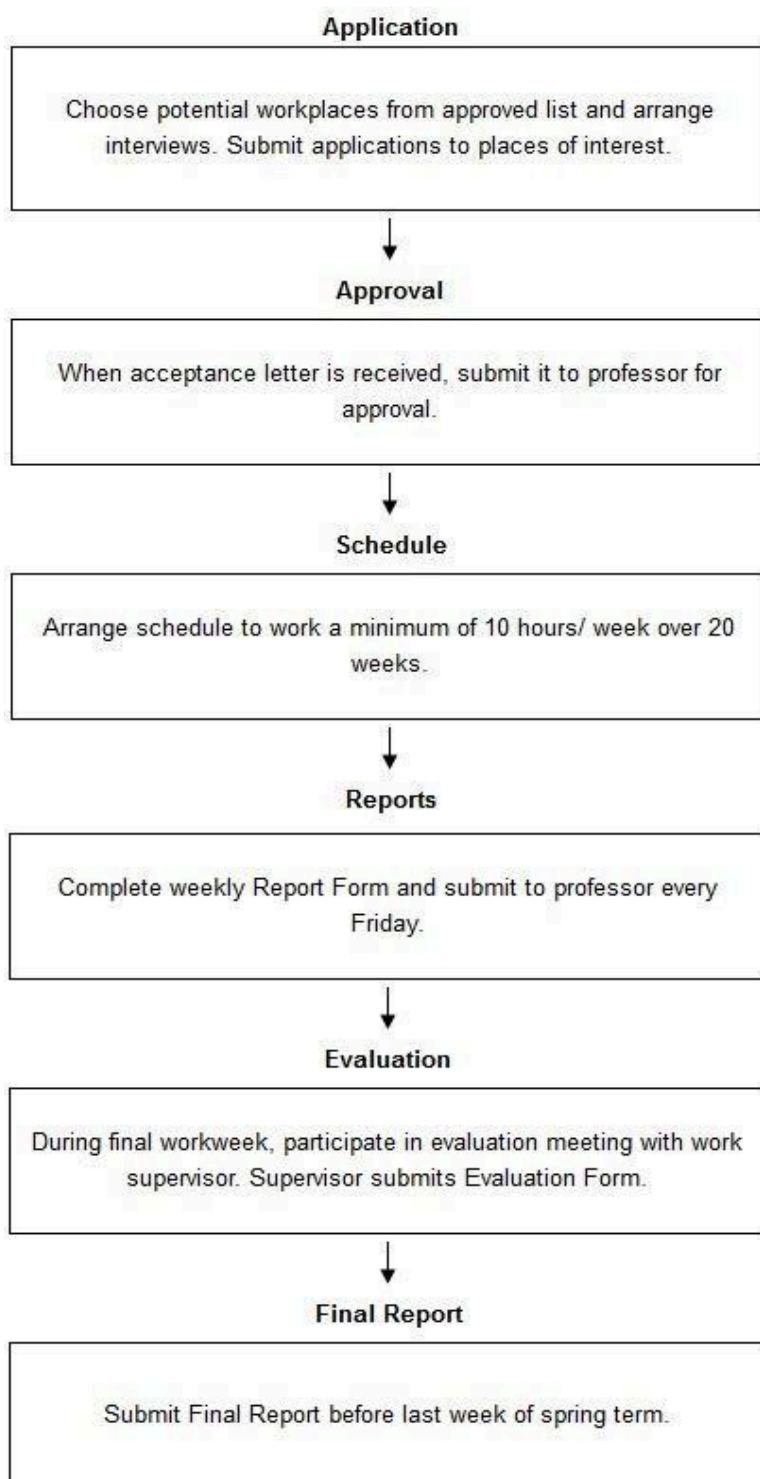


4. The diagram below shows the typical stages of consumer goods manufacturing, including the process by which information is fed back to earlier stages to enable adjustment.

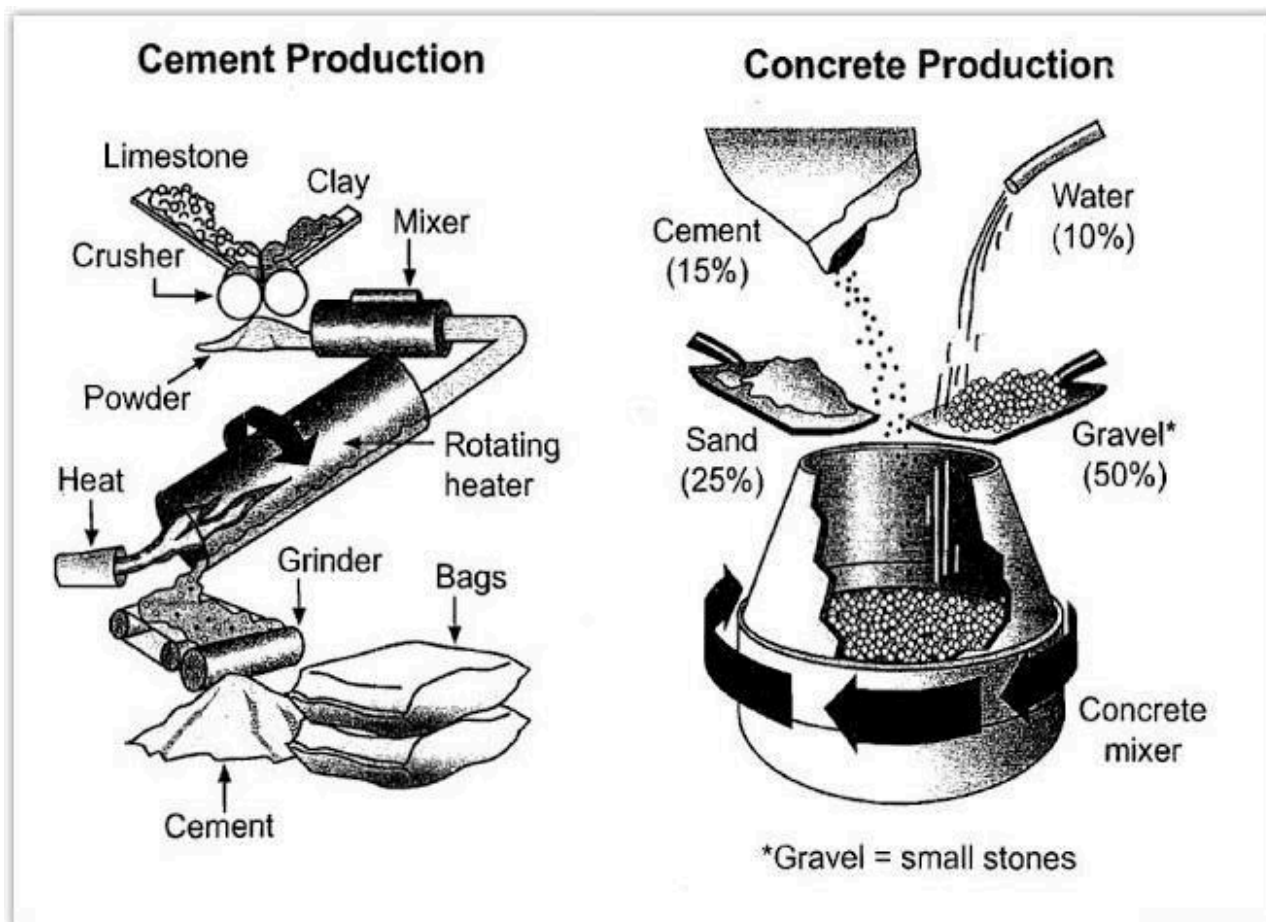


5. The flowchart below shows the process involved in completing the work experience requirement for university students.

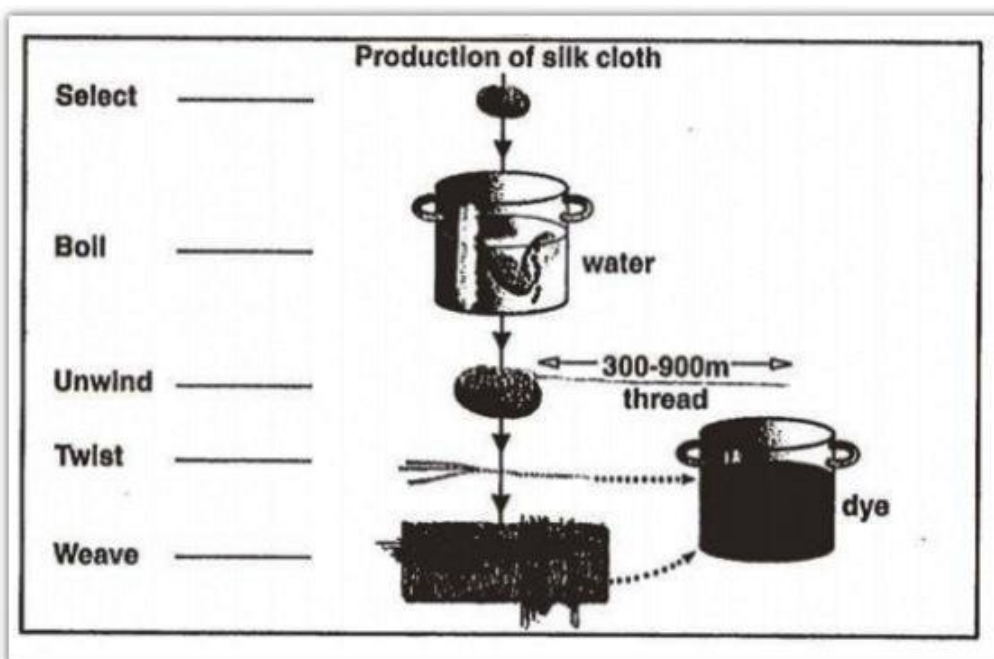
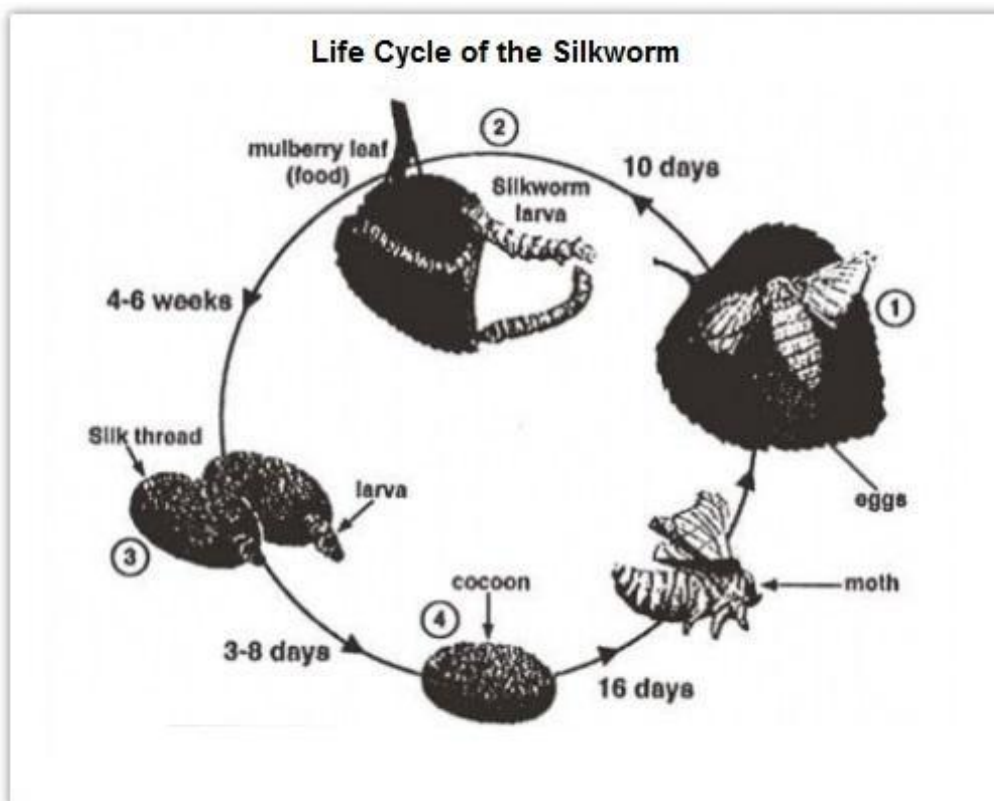
Fulfilling the Work Experience Requirement Credits will be awarded when the final report is submitted



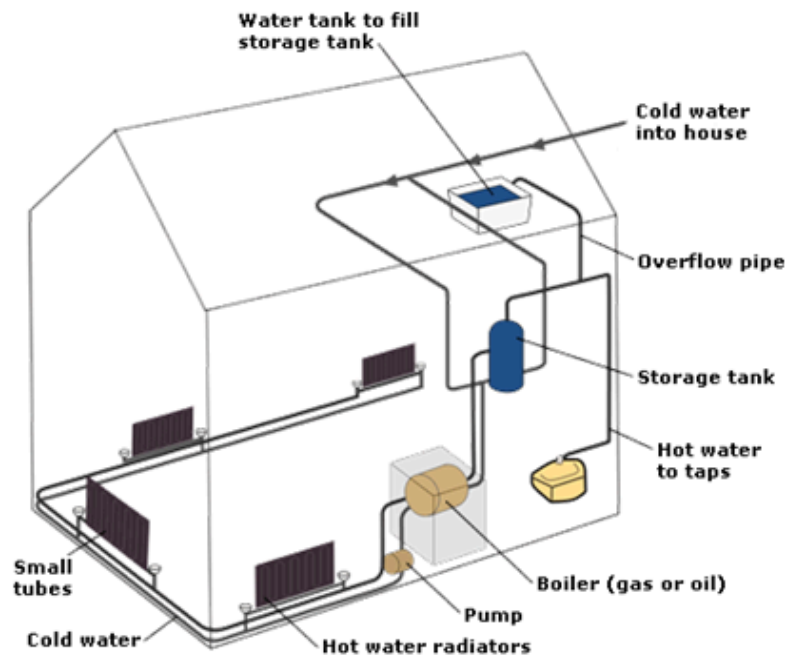
6. The diagram below shows the stages and equipment used in the cement-making process, and how cement is used to produce concrete for building purposes.



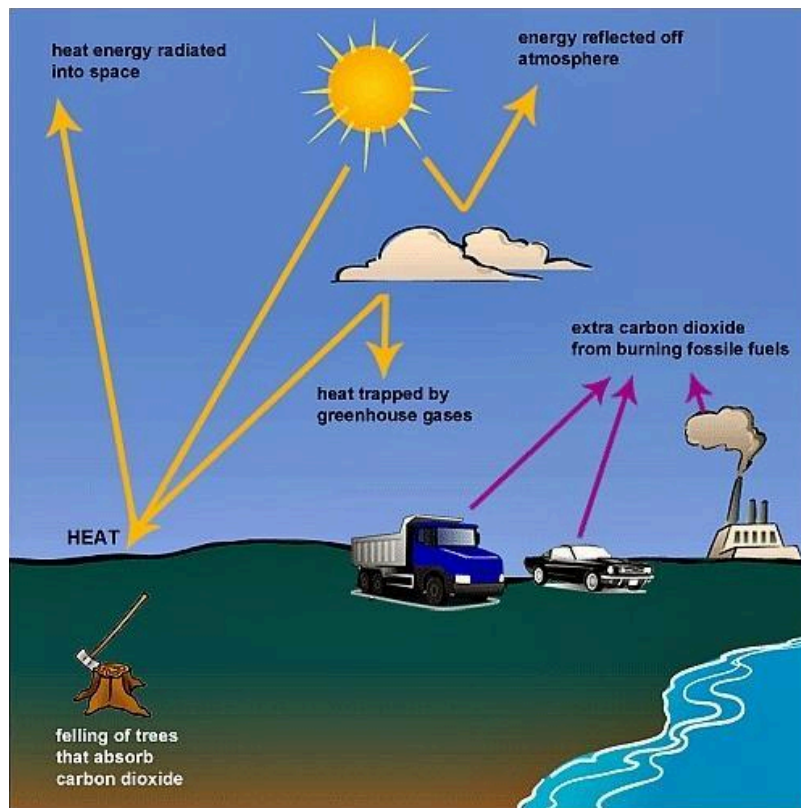
7. The diagrams below show the life cycle of the silkworm and the stages in the production of silk cloth.



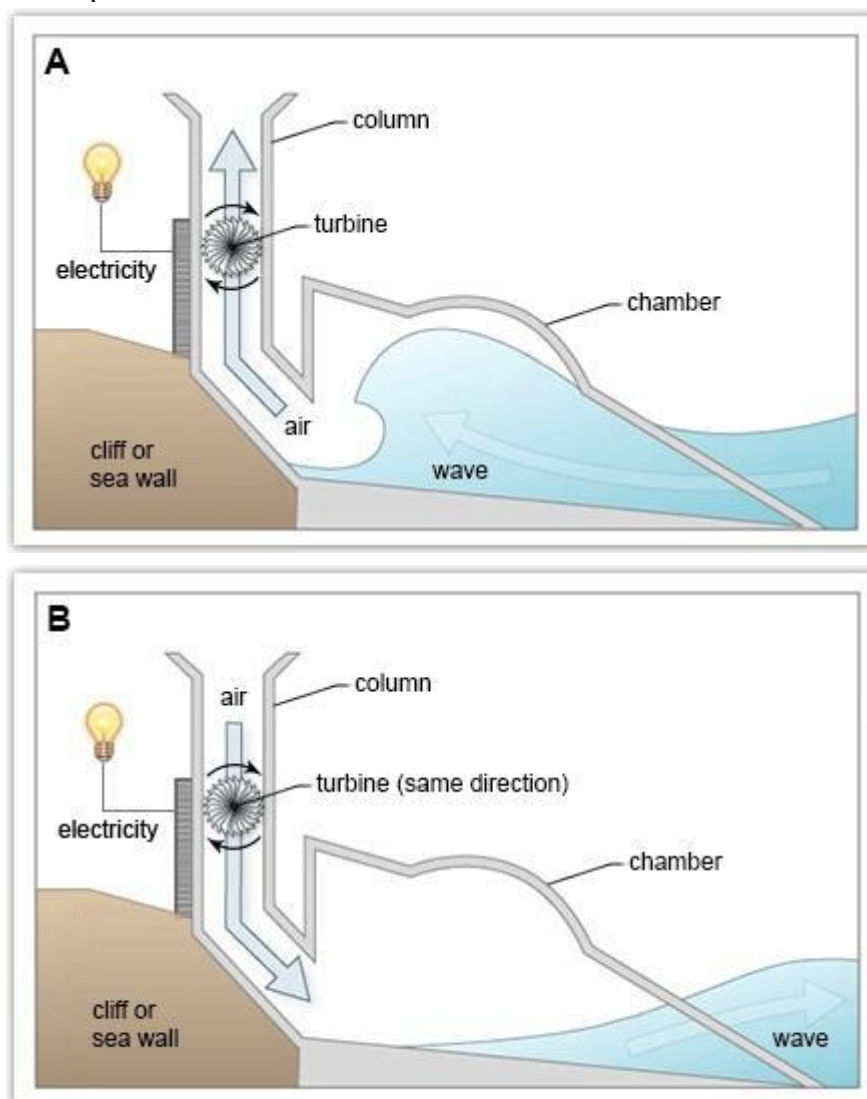
8. The diagram below shows how a central heating system in a house works.



9. The following diagram shows how greenhouse gases trap energy from the Sun. Write a report for a university lecturer describing the information shown in the diagram.

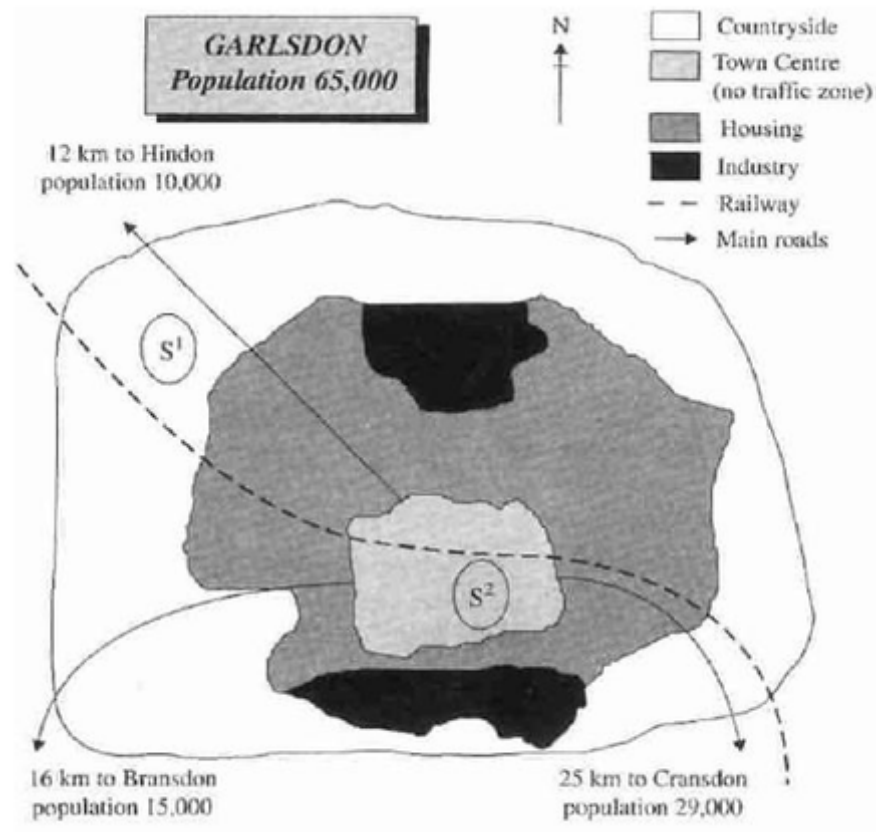


10. The diagrams show a structure that is used to generate electricity from wave power.

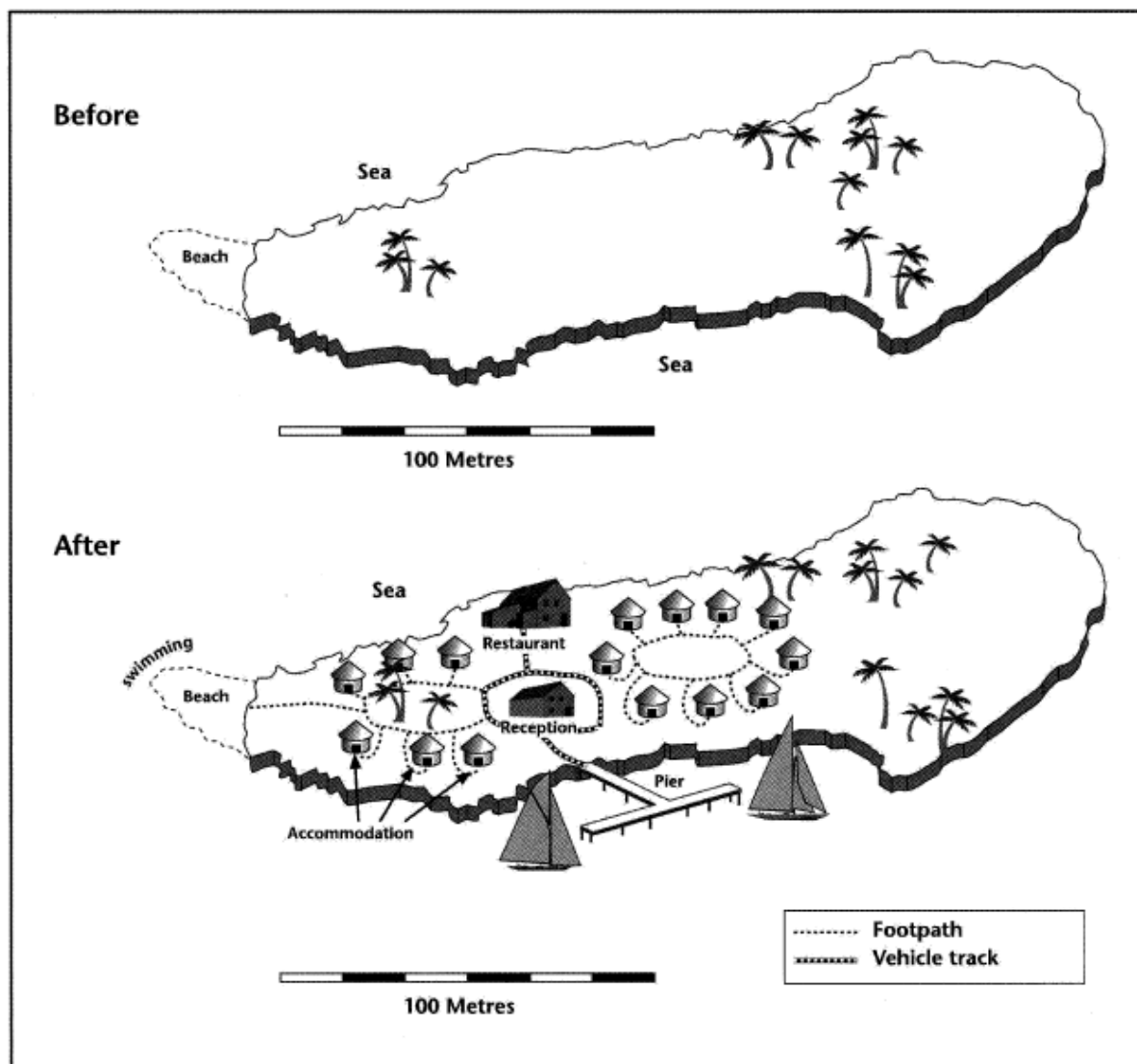


F. Map

1. The map below is of the town of Garlsdon. A new supermarket (S) is planned for the town. The map shows two possible sites for the supermarket.

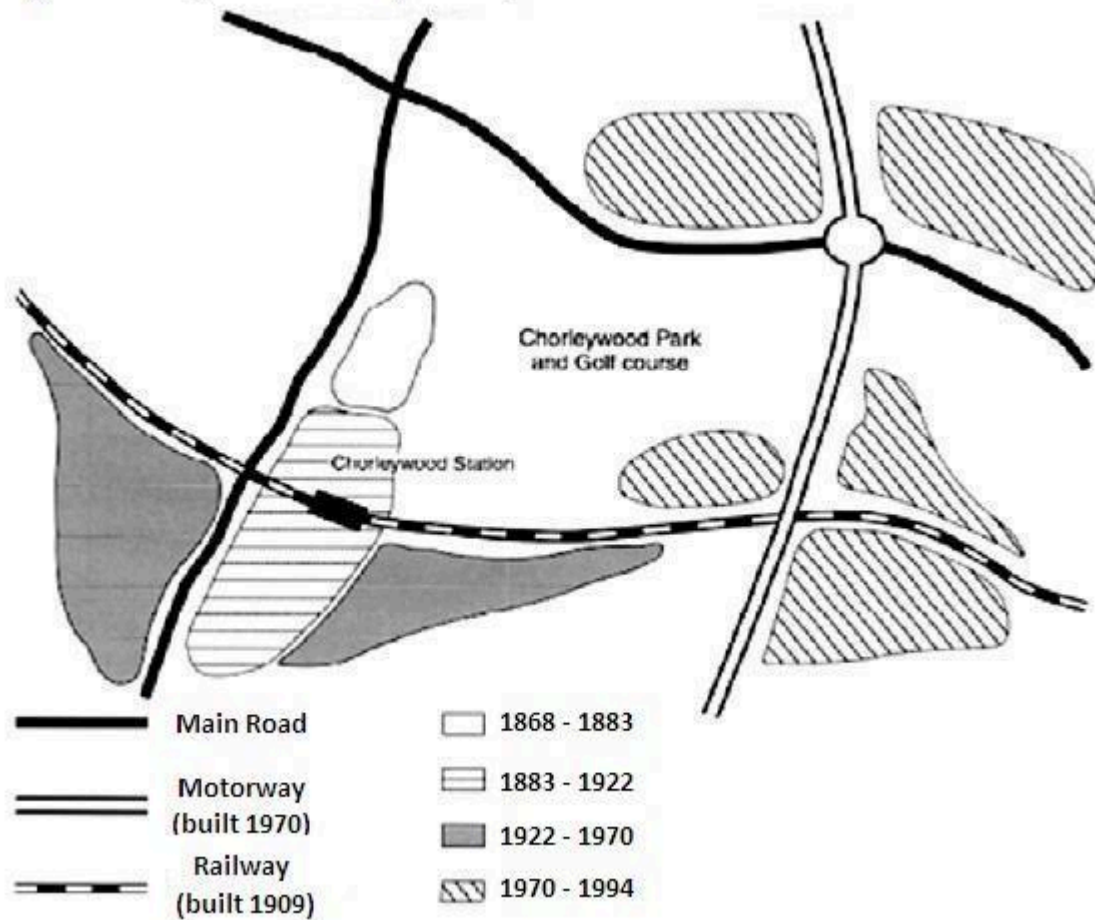


2. The two maps below show an island, before and after the construction of some tourist facilities.

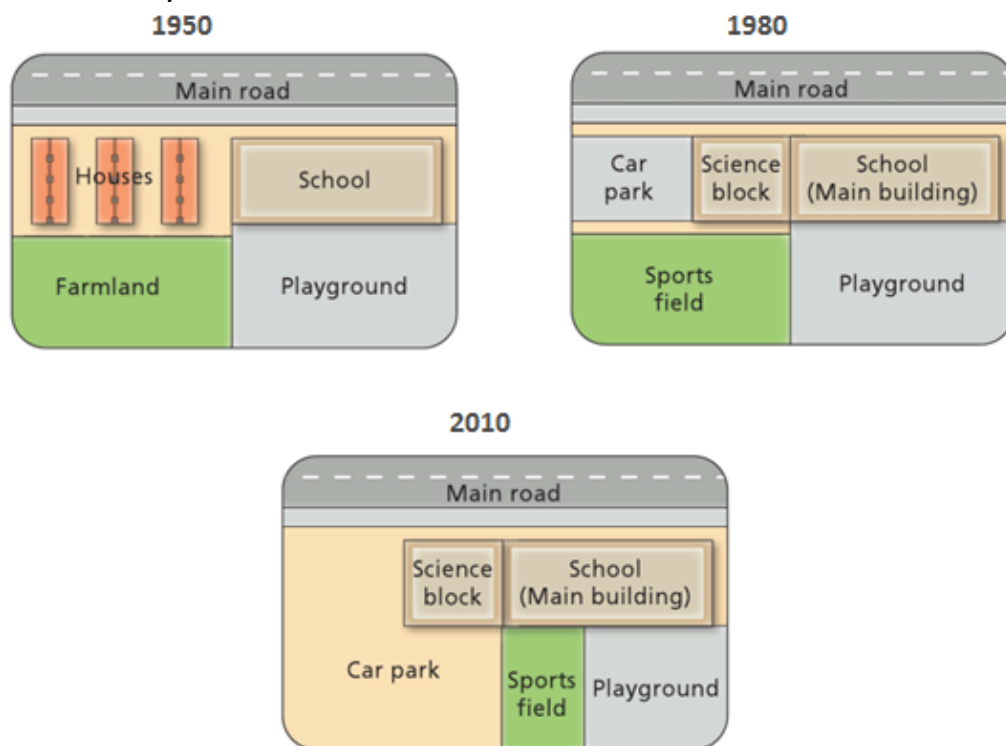


3. Chorleywood is a village near London whose population has increased steadily since the middle of the 19th century. The map below shows the development of the village.

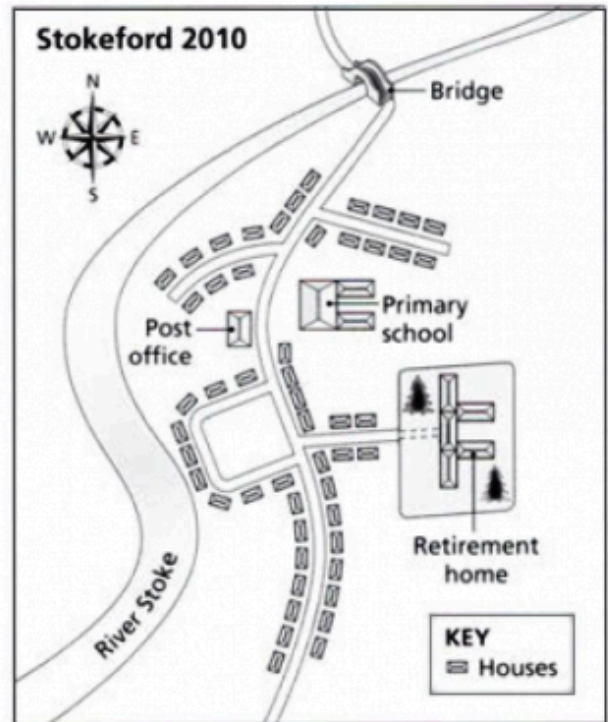
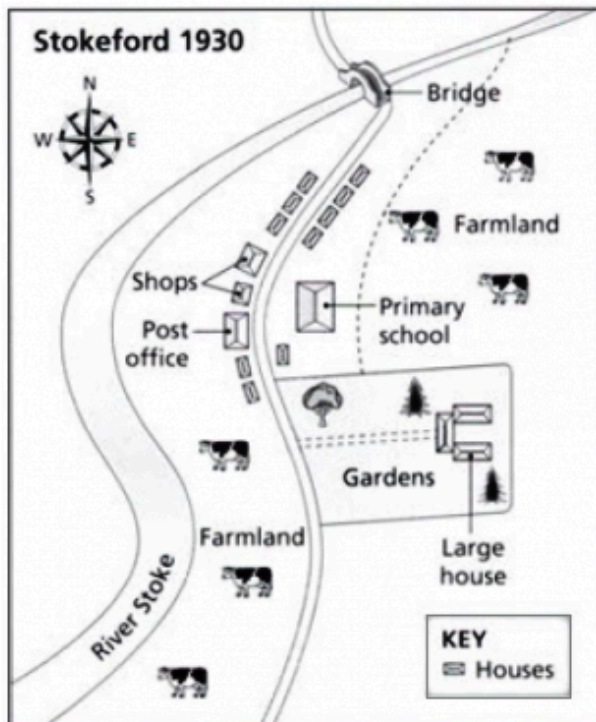
Village of Chorleywood showing development between 1868 and 1994



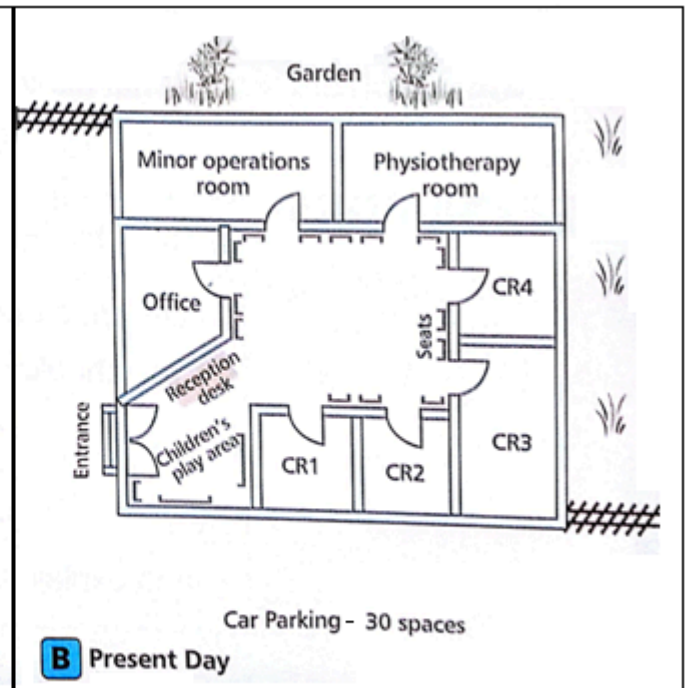
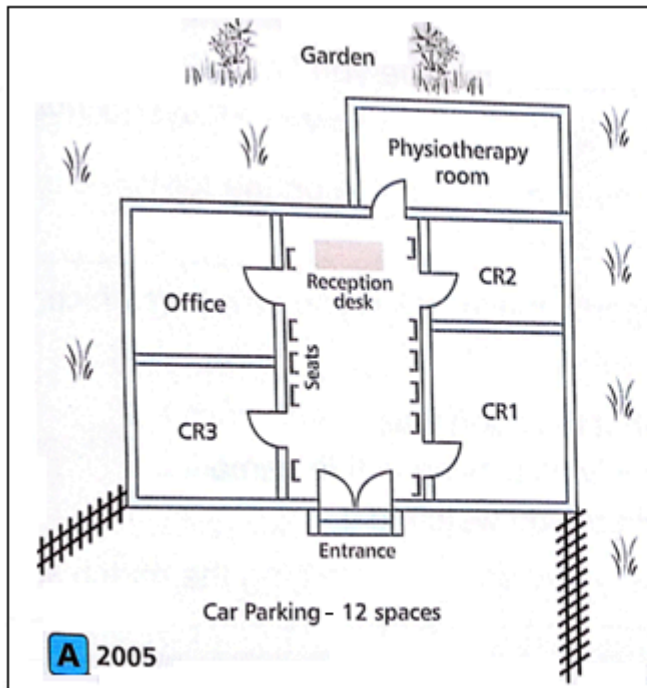
4. The diagram shows the changes that have taken place at West Park Secondary School since its construction in 1950.



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

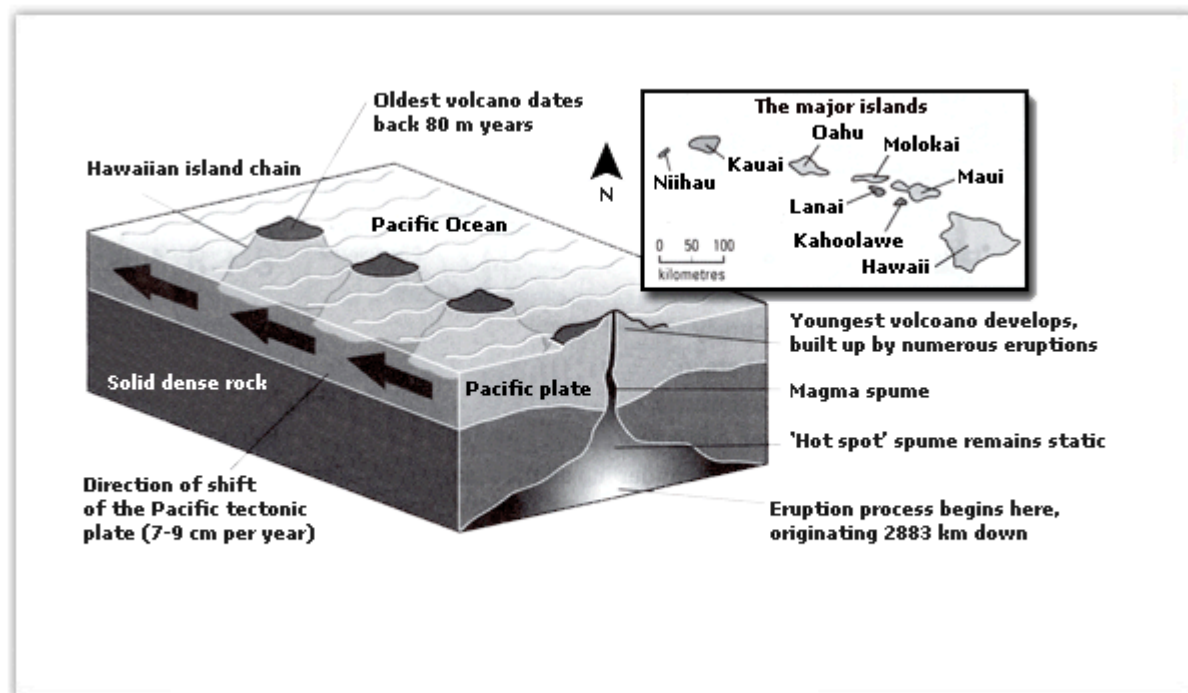


6. Plan A below shows a health centre in 2005. Plan B shows the same place in the present day.

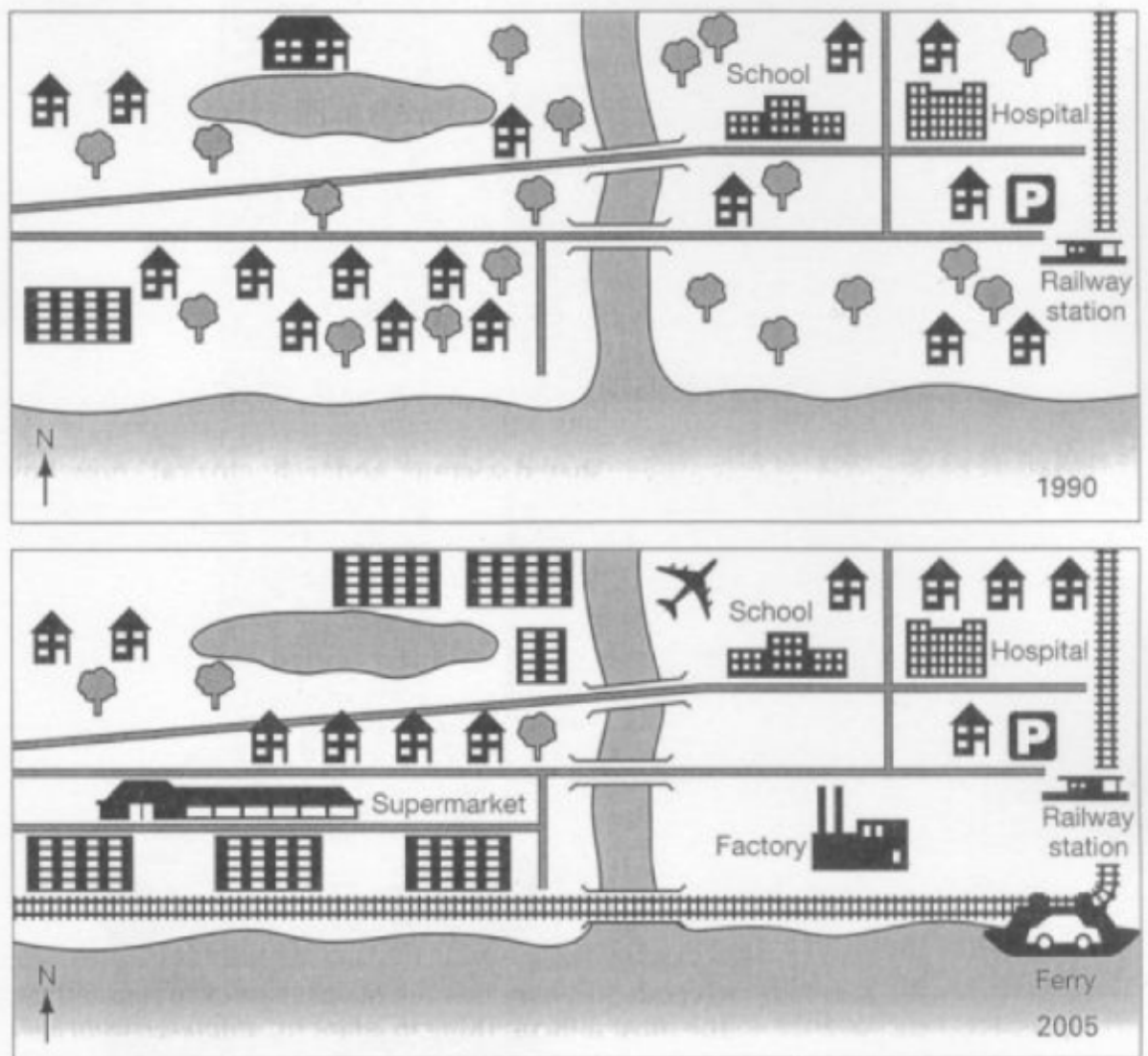


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7. The diagram below gives the information about the Hawaiian island chain in the centre of the Pacific Ocean.

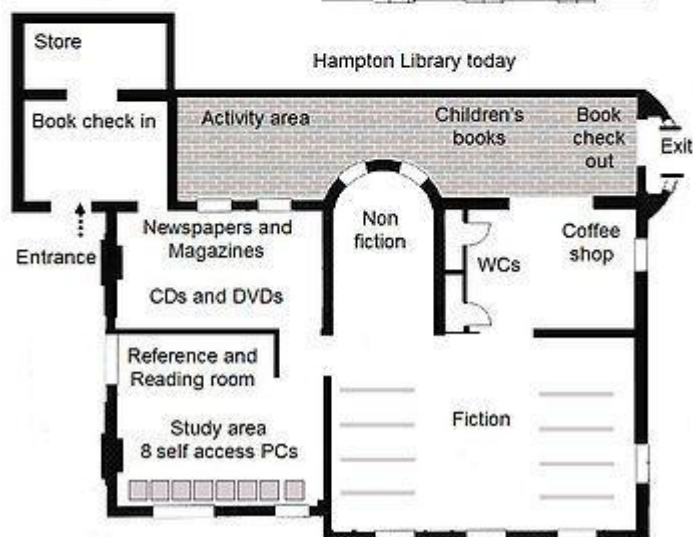
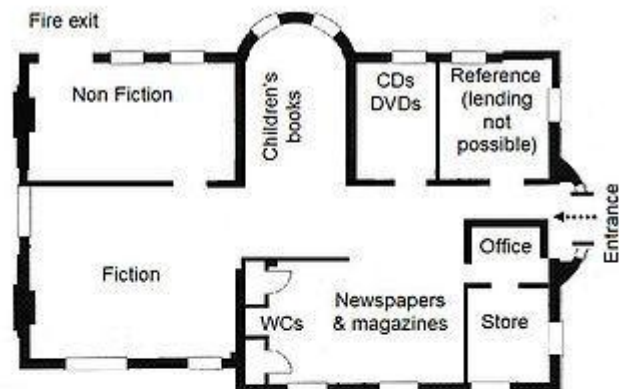


8. The maps below show the changes that have taken place at the seaside town of Brinslow between 1990 and 2005.

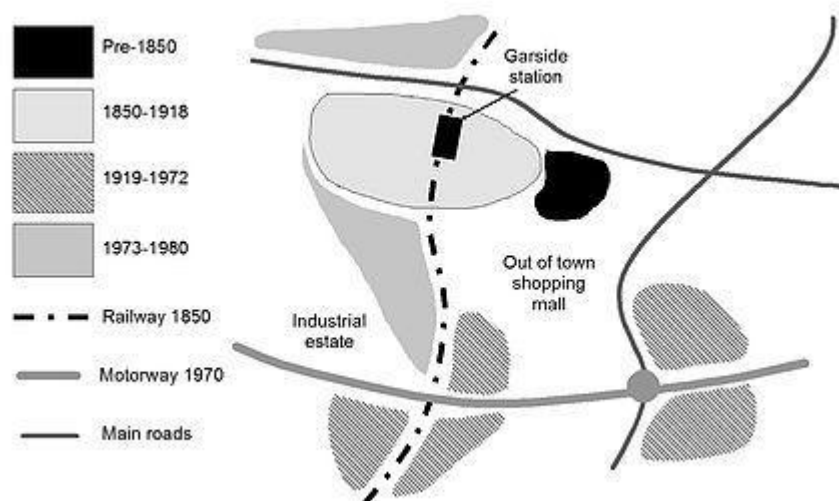


9. The plan below shows the recent redevelopment of Hampton Library. Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Hampton Library prior to redevelopment



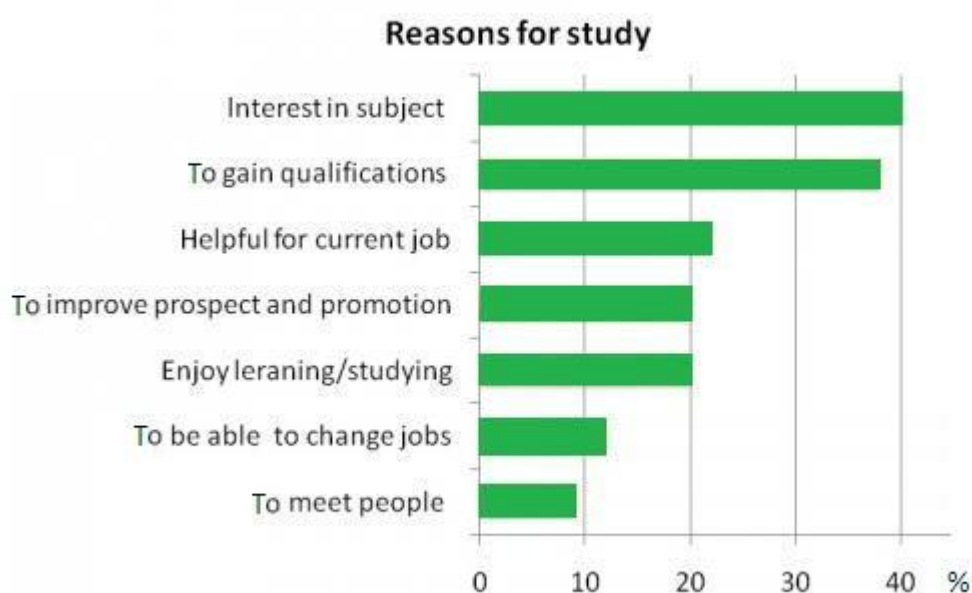
10. The map below shows the development of Garside between 1850 and 1980. Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.



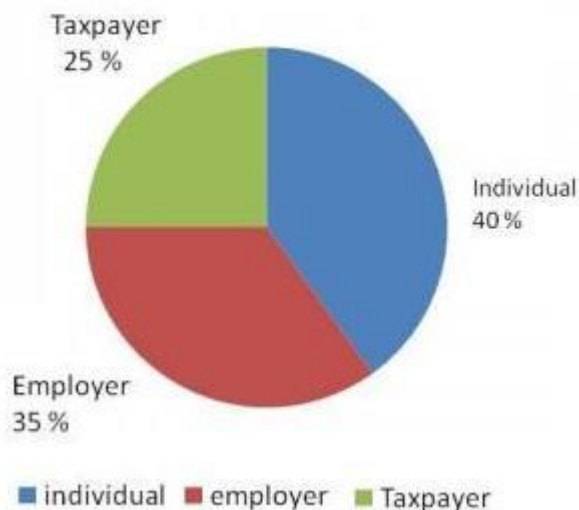
G. Mix

1. The charts below show the result of a survey of adult education. The first chart shows the reason why adults decide to study. The pie chart shows how people think the costs of adult education should be shared.

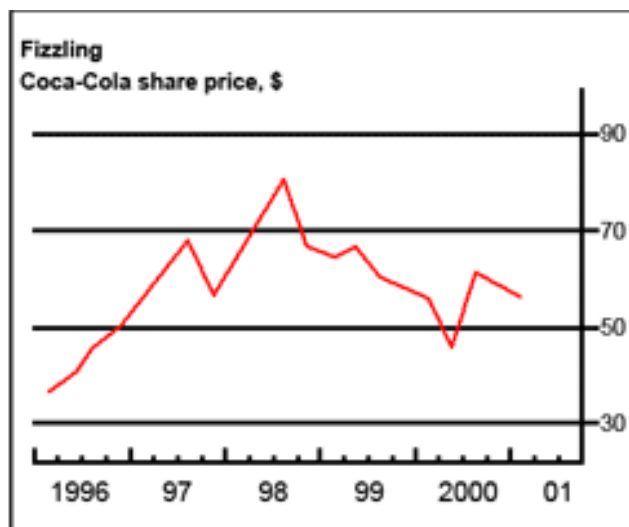
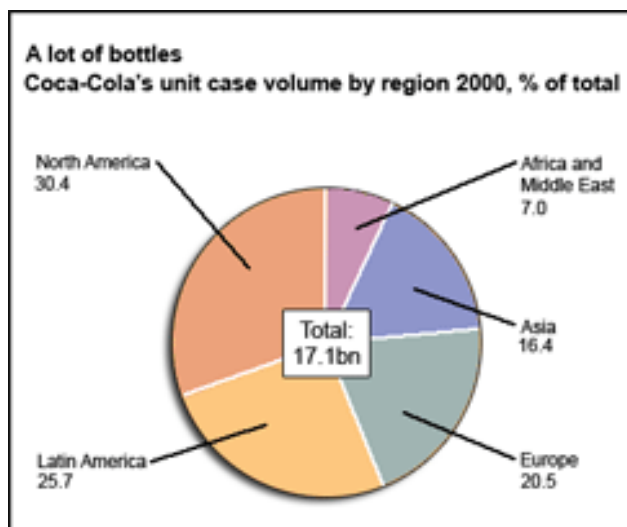
Reasons why adult people decide to study.



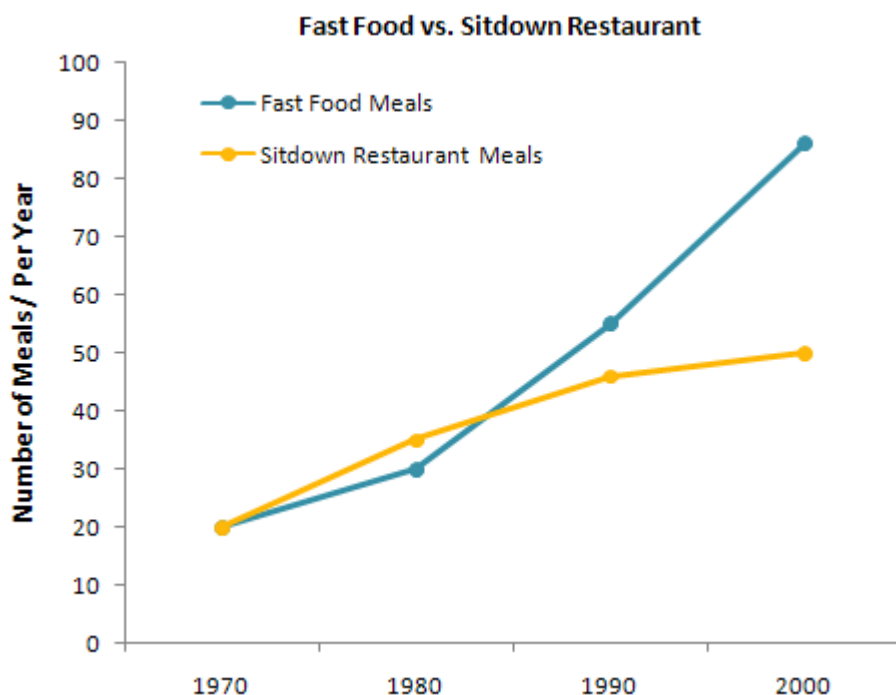
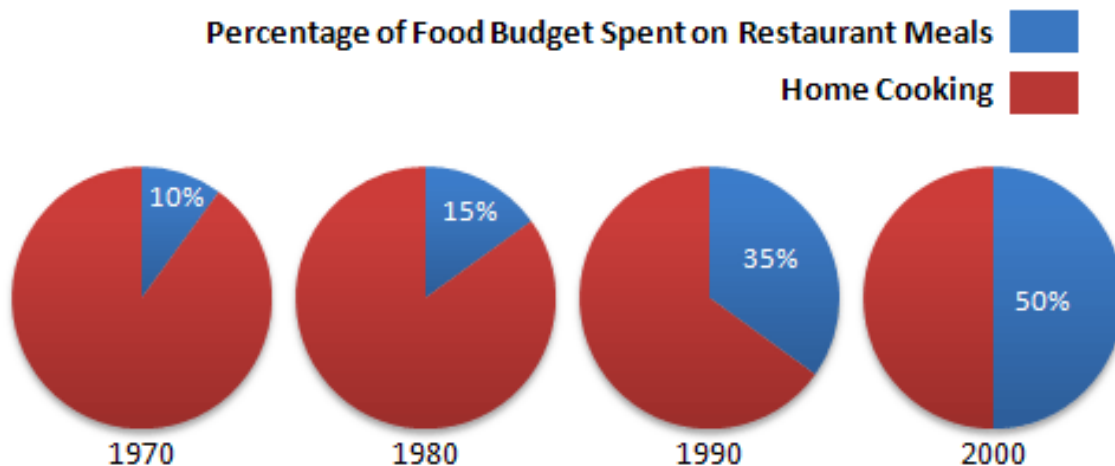
How the cost of each course should be shared



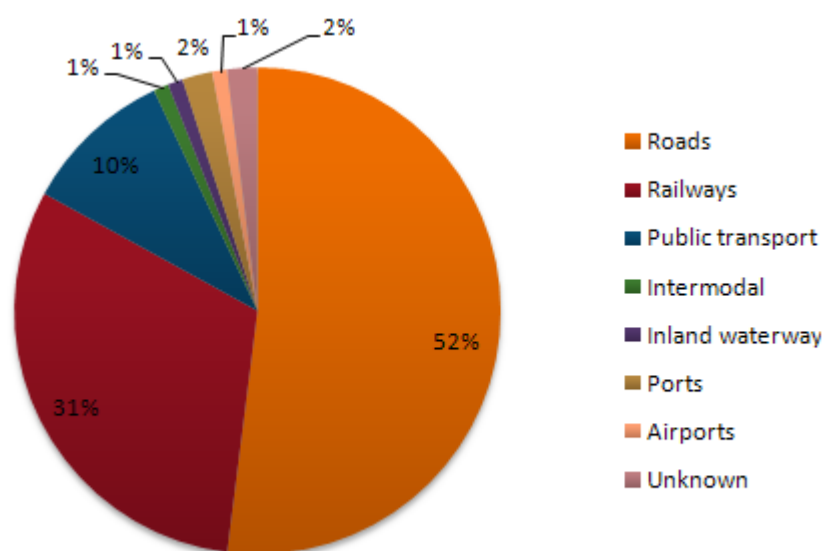
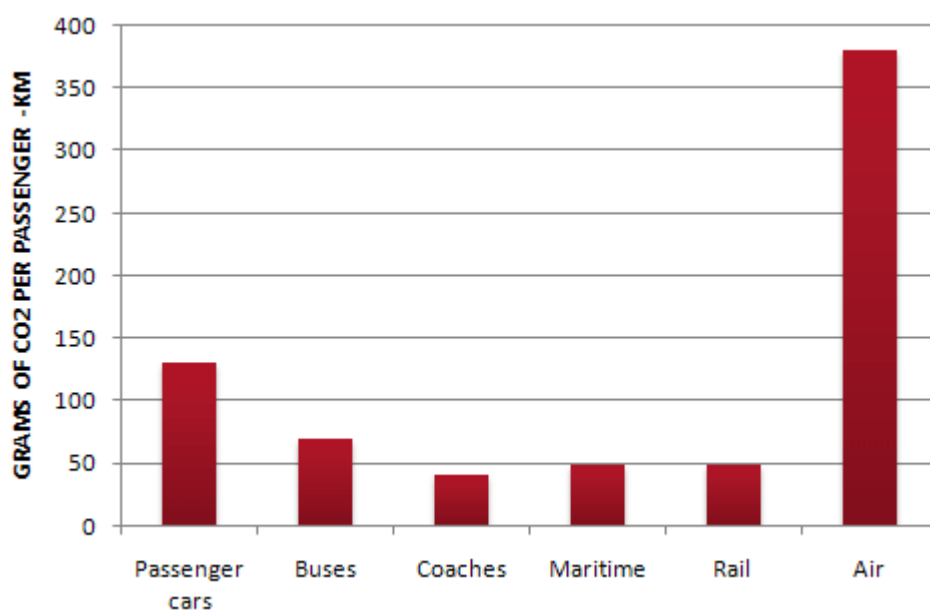
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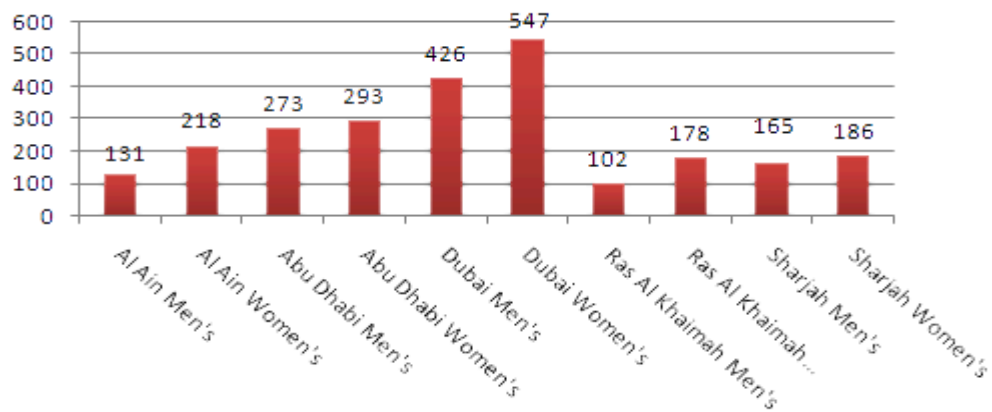


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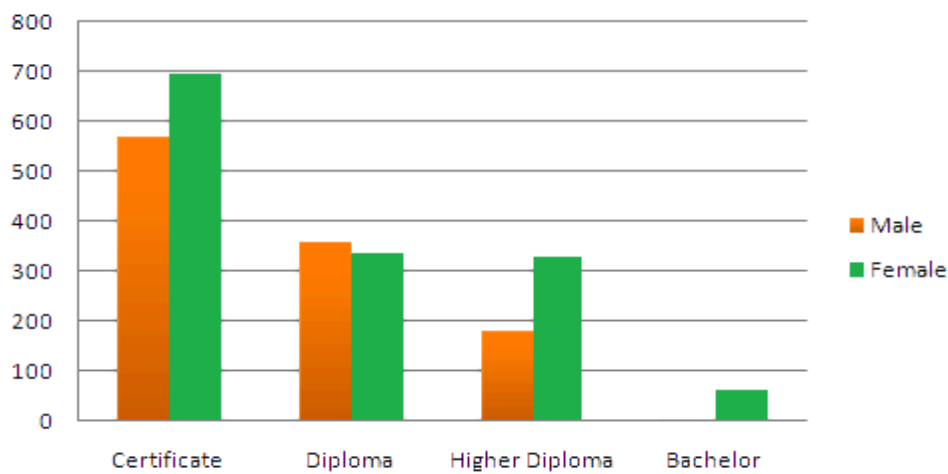


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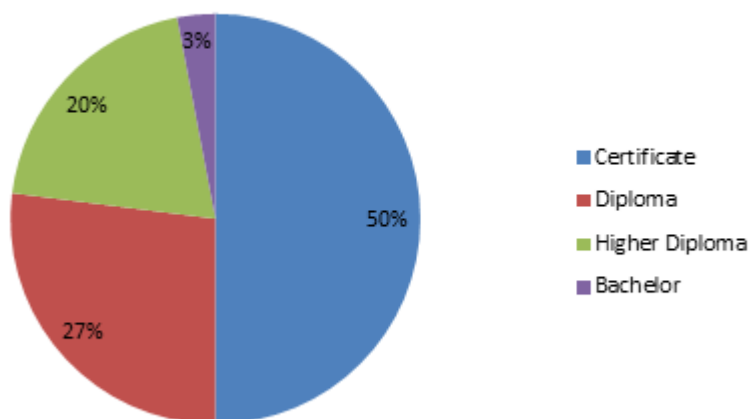
HCT Graduates by College



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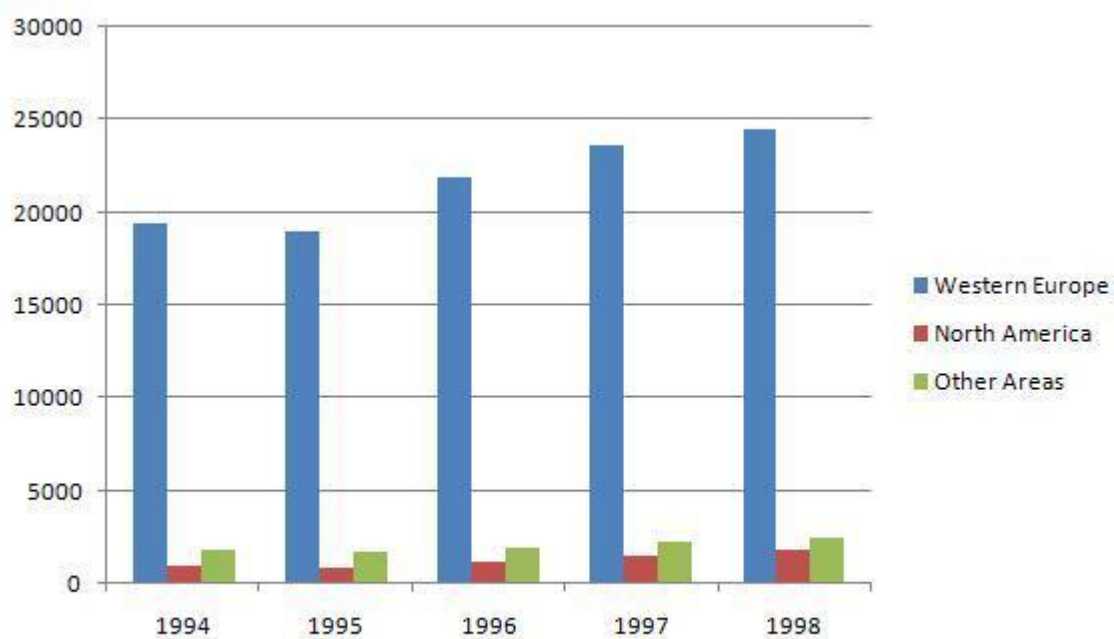


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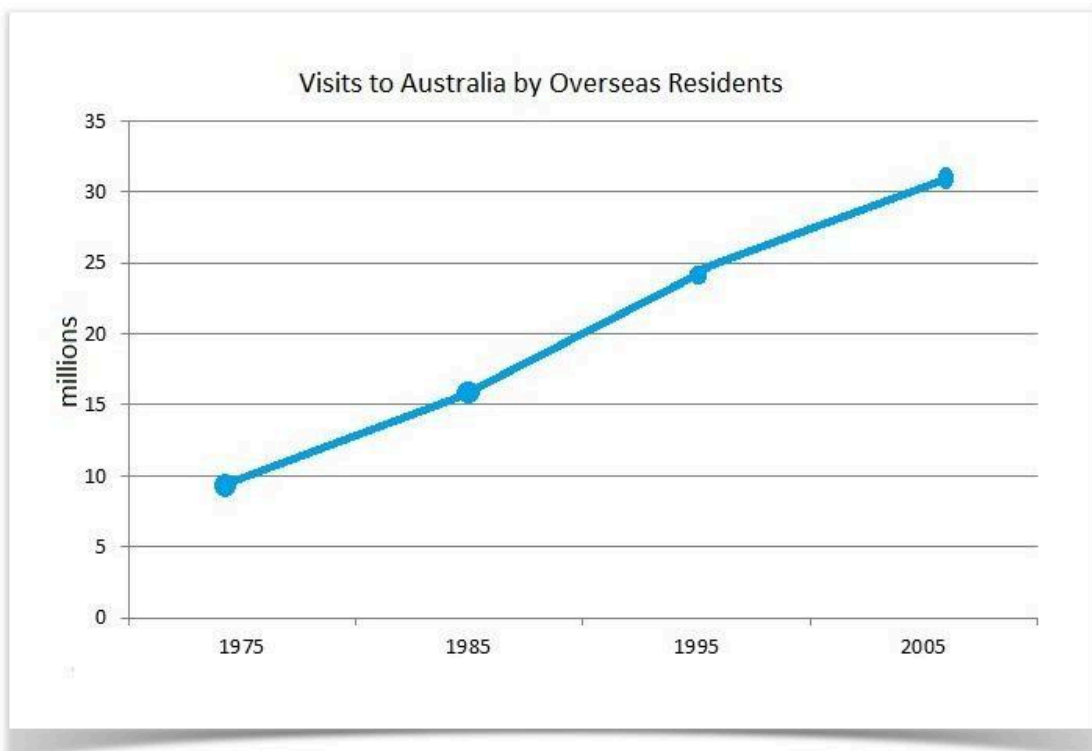


6. The first chart below shows the results of a survey which sampled a cross-section of 100,000 people asking if they traveled abroad and why they traveled for the period 1994-98. The second chart shows their destinations over the same period.

VISITS ABROAD BY UK RESIDENTS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (1994-98)					
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Holiday	15,246	14,898	17,896	19,703	20,700
Business	3,155	3,188	3,249	3,639	3,957
Visits to friends and relatives	2,689	2,628	2,774	3,051	3,181
Other reasons	982	896	1,030	1,054	990
TOTAL	22,072	21,610	24,949	27,447	28,828



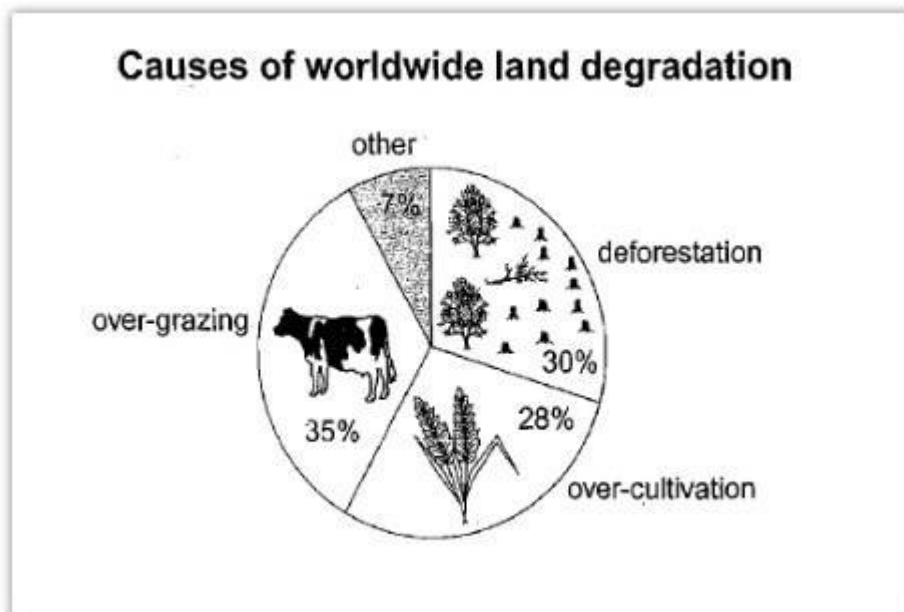
7. The line graph below shows the number of annual visits to Australia by overseas residents. The table below gives information on the country of origin where the visitors came from.



Number of Visitors (million)

	1975	2005
SOUTH KOREA	2.9	9.1
JAPAN	3.2	12.0
CHINA	0.3	0.8
USA	0.4	1.1
BRITAIN	0.9	2.9
EUROPE	1.1	4.5
Total	8.8	30.4

8. The pie chart below shows the main reasons why agricultural land becomes less productive. The table shows how these causes affected three regions of the world during the 1990s.

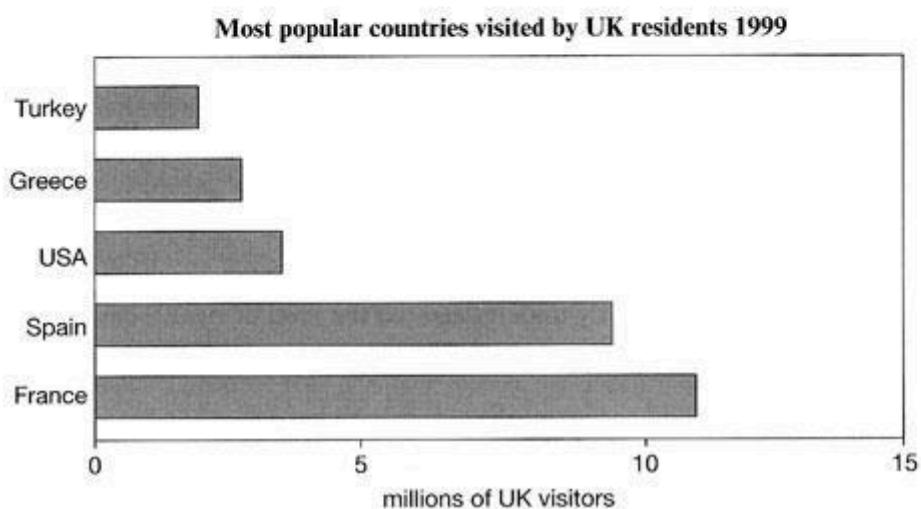
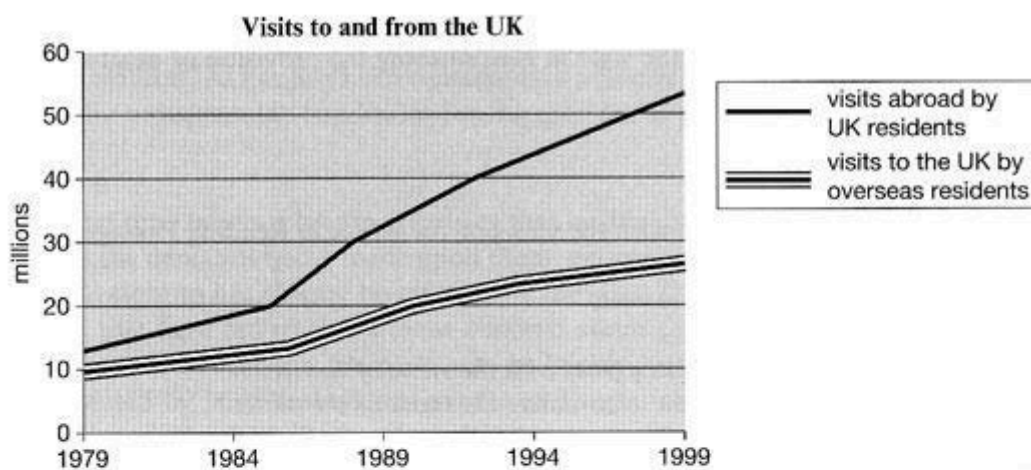


Cause of land degradation by region

Region	% land degraded by			
	deforestation	Over-cultivation	Over-grazing	Total land degraded
North America	0.2	3.3	1.5	5%
Europe	9.8	7.7	5.5	23%
Oceania *	1.7	0	11.3	13%

*A large group of islands in the South Pacific including Australian and New Zealand

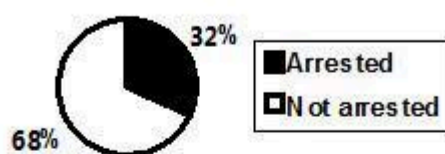
9. The line graph shows visits to and from the UK from 1979 to 1999, and the bar graph shows the most popular countries visited by UK residents in 1999.



10. The pie chart shows the percentage of persons arrested in the five years ending 1994 and the bar chart shows the most recent reasons for arrest.

Persons arrested in five years ending 1994 (%)

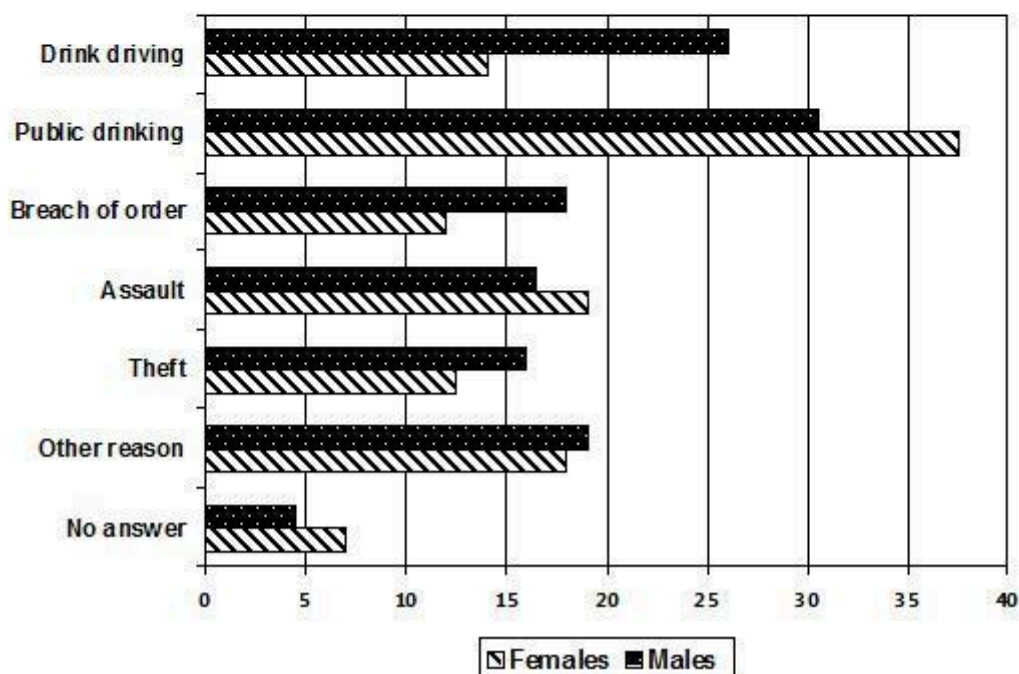
Males



Females



Reasons for most recent arrest (%)



IELTS Writing Task 2

Questions

A. Opinion (Agree or Disagree)

1. Many students have to study subjects which they do not like. Some people think this is a complete waste of time. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
2. Some people say that parents should control their children's behavior from a very young age. What do you think?
3. Some people say that subjects like arts, music, drama and creative writing are more beneficial to children and therefore they need more of these subjects to be included in the timetable. Do you agree or disagree?
4. Some people believe that tourists should accept social and environmental responsibility while others believe that tourists should not accept any responsibility at all. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
5. The world would be a much poorer place without colour. To what extent would you agree or disagree.
6. Tobacco is a kind of drug. People have been free to use it. Some people think that it should be illegal to use it comparing with other drugs. To what extent do you agree or disagree? What is your opinion?
7. Wild animals have no place in the 21st century, and the protection is a waste of resources. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
8. People try new dangerous sports such as sky-diving or rock climbing. Should such sports be banned?
9. Some people say that the government should not put money on building theatres and sports stadiums. They should spend more money on medical care and education. Do you agree or disagree?
10. The computers are widely used in education and some people think that teachers do not play an important role in the classroom. To what extent do you agree?
11. Everyone should stay in school until the age of eighteen. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

12. Mothers generally stay home to take care of their children after pregnancy. Do you support the opinion that these mothers should be compensated by the government?
13. In companies, promotions to high positions should be given to employees inside the company and not to somebody outside the company or new hiring. Do you agree or disagree?
14. Do you agree or disagree that animals should be kept in men made cells?
15. Students at schools and universities learn far more from lessons with teachers than from others sources (such as the internet, television). To what extent do you agree or disagree?
16. Some people think the government should pay for health care and education, but other people claim that it is the individual's responsibility. Do you agree or disagree?
17. Do you agree or that improvements in technology reduce the role of Olympic Games.
18. Food can be produced much more cheaply today because of improved fertilizers and better machinery. However, some of the methods used to do this may be dangerous to human health and may have negative effects on local communities. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
19. Leisure is a growing industry, but people no longer entertain themselves as much as they used to because the use of modern technology has made them less creative. Do you agree or disagree?
20. The advantages brought by the spread of English as a "global language" will outweigh the disadvantages. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this view?
21. Nowadays, most large companies operate multi-nationally. To what extent those companies should have responsibility towards local communities in which they operate?
22. It is impossible to help all people in the world, so governments should only focus on people in their own countries. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
23. In the future, it seems more difficult to live on the Earth. Some people think more money should be spent on researching other planet to live, such as Mars. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?
24. Some people think it is more important for government to spend public money on promoting healthy lifestyle in order to prevent illness than to spend it on the treatment of people who are already ill. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

25. Research has shown that overeating is as harmful as smoking. Therefore, the advertising of certain food products should be banned in the same way as the advertising of cigarettes in some countries. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
26. Fossil fuel is the main source of energy. In some countries, the use of alternative sources of energy is encouraged. To what extent do you think is it a positive or negative.
27. Some people think that men and women have different qualities. Therefore, some certain jobs are suitable for men and some jobs are suitable for women. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
28. Some people think that everyone has the right to have access to university education, and that government should make it free for all students no matter what financial background they have. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion.

B. Advantages and Disadvantages

1. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of playing sports and participating in physical exercises.
2. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad.
3. As traffic and accommodation problems are increasing in the large cities, the government encourages businesses move to the rural area. Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?
4. Nowadays both scientists and tourists can go to remote natural environments such as the South Pole. Do you think the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?
5. In some countries, governments are encouraging industries and businesses to move to regional areas outside the big cities. Do the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages?
6. Scientists and tourists travel to remote natural environments, such as the South Pole. Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?
7. In order to solve traffic problems, governments should tax private car owners heavily and use the money to improve public transportation. What are the advantages and disadvantages of such a solution?
8. There is an increasing trend around the world to have a small family rather than a large family. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of having a small family rather than a large family?
9. Do the dangers derived from the use of chemicals in food production and preservation outweigh the advantages?

10. People in the community can buy cheaper products nowadays. Do advantages outweigh disadvantages?
11. It is suggested that everyone should have a car, a television and a fridge. Do disadvantages of this development for society outweigh advantages?
12. With the rapid advancement of communication technology:: smart phones, tablets and other mobile devices, some people believe that the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. To what extent do you agree or disagree? To what extent do you agree or disagree?
13. Children's education is expensive. In some countries, the government pays some of or all of the costs. Do the advantages outweigh its disadvantages?
14. International tourism has brought enormous benefit to many places. At the same time, there is concern about its impact on local inhabitants and the environment. Do the disadvantages of international tourism outweigh the advantages?
15. In recent years, more and more people are choosing to read e-books rather than paper books. Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages of this trend?
16. It is becoming more and more difficult to escape the influence of the media on our lives. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living in a media rich society.
17. Unemployment is one of the most serious problems facing developed nations today. What are the advantages and/or disadvantages of reducing the working week to 35 hours?
18. Discuss the advantage and disadvantage of giving international aids to poor countries.
19. Some experts believe that it is better for children to begin learning a foreign language at primary school rather than secondary school. Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?
- 20.** In some countries, young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.
21. Students in many countries are encouraged to travel or work for a year before starting their university studies. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to work or travel after finishing high school and starting education in a university.

C. Problem and Solution

1. Overpopulation of urban areas has led to numerous problems. Identify one or two serious ones and suggest ways that governments and individuals can tackle these problems.
2. Nowadays many people have access to computers on a wide basis and a large number of children play computer games. What are the negative impacts of playing computer games and what can be done to minimize the bad effects?
3. The internet has transformed the way information is shared and consumed, but it has also created problems that did not exist before. What are the most serious problems associated with the internet and what solutions can you suggest?
4. In the developed world, average life expectancy is increasing. What problems will this cause for individuals and society? Suggest some measures that could be taken to reduce the impact of ageing populations.
5. Nowadays, more and more older people who need employment compete with the younger people for the same jobs. What problems this causes? What are solutions?
6. In developing countries, children in rural communities have less access to education. Some people believe that the problem can be solved by providing more schools and teachers, while others think that the problem can be solved by providing computers and Internet access. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
7. Every day, millions of tons of food are wasted all over the world. Why do you think this is happening? And how can we solve this problem?
8. Many people say the gap between rich and poor people is wider, as rich people become richer and poor people grow poorer. What problems could this situation cause and what measures can be done to address those problem?
9. Today, more school leavers are unable to find jobs. Discuss the causes of rising unemployment among young adults and suggest any solutions.
10. Many people believe that the human society has developed into a throw-away society, which is filled with plastic bags and rubbish. What are the causes and solutions?
11. More and more people are relying on the private car as their major means of transportation. Describe some of the problems over-reliance on cars can cause, and suggest at least one possible solution.
12. In many countries schools have severe problems with student behavior. What do you think are the causes of this? What solutions can you suggest?

13. Problems with environmental pollution have become so serious that many countries are trying to solve these problems. Suggest possible solutions and give your own opinion.
14. In some countries the average weight of people is increasing and their level of health and fitness is decreasing. What do you think are the causes of these problems and what measures could be taken to solve them?
15. Increasing the price of petrol is the best way to solve growing traffic and pollution problems. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the above statement? What other measures do you think might be effective?
16. Childhood obesity is becoming a serious problem in many countries. Explain the main causes and effects of this problem, and suggest some possible solutions.
17. People in all modern societies use drugs, but today's youth are experimenting with both legal and illegal drugs, and at an early age. Some sociologists claim that parents and other members of society often set a bad example. Discuss the cause and effects of widespread drug abuse by young people. Make any recommendations you feel are necessary to help fight youth drug abuse.
18. The quality of life in large cities is decreasing. What could be the reasons behind this? What measures can be taken to resolve this problem?
19. It is said that day-by-day people's lives are becoming increasingly stressful. What are the reasons behind that? What can be done to solve this problem?
20. The widespread use of Internet has brought many problems. What do you think are the main problems associated with the use of Internet? What solutions can you suggest?

D. Discussion (Discuss both view)

1. Some people believe government should spend money on building train and subway lines to reduce traffic congestion. Others think that building more and wider roads is the better way to reduce traffic congestion. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
2. Some people think that it is good for a country's culture to import foreign movies and TV programmes. Others think that it is better to produce these locally. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
3. In developing countries, children in rural communities have less access to education. Some people believe that the problem can be solved by providing more schools and teachers, while others think that the problem can be solved by providing computers and Internet access. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
4. Some people think that studying from the past teaches us nothing about today's life. Others argue that the history is a value source of information. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
5. Some people believe that culture will be ruined if it is used to earn tourism revenue, but others consider that tourism is the only way of protecting a culture. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.
6. Some people argue that immigrants should adopt the local culture when immigrating to a new country. An alternative view is that they can adapt to a new environment by establishing a minority community. Discuss these two views and give your opinion.
7. Aircrafts have been increasingly used to transport fruits and vegetables to some countries where such plants hardly grow or are out of season. Some people consider it a good trend, but some people oppose it. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
8. The advocates of international aid believe that countries have a moral obligation to help each other, while the opponents consider it unnecessary, because money is misspent by the governments that receive it. Discuss these two points of view and give your opinion.
9. Discuss the reasons why people define happiness differently and how to obtain happiness?
10. Discuss the arguments for and against raising pets.
11. Police in Britain do not carry guns. Some people believe that unarmed police are unable to protect citizens, but some suggest that arming the police will lead to a surge in violence in society. Discuss those two views.

12. Some people believe that educating children altogether will benefit them. Others think intelligent children should be taught separately and given special courses. Discuss those two views.
13. Some people argue that history is of little or no use to us. Others believe that studying history gives many benefits. Discuss those views and give your own opinion.
14. It is not uncommon that children are required to obey the rule of their parents and teachers. Some people are worried that too much control over children will not prepare them well for their adult life. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.
15. Some people think that students benefit greatly from going to private secondary schools, but others assert that private secondary schools have a negative impact on the young generation and the society alike. Discuss both views.
16. A growing number of people feel that animals should not be exploited by people and that they should have the same rights as humans, while others argue that humans must employ animals to satisfy their various needs, including uses for food and research. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
17. Some people think that spending a lot on holding wedding parties, birthday parties and other celebrations is just a waste of money. Others, however, think that these are necessary for individuals and the society. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
18. Some people think that a sense of competition in children should be encouraged. Others believe that children who are taught to co-operate rather than compete become more useful adults. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.
19. Some people think that parents should teach children how to be good members of the society. Others, however, believe that school is the place to learn this. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
20. Some people say that health care and education should be the responsibility of the government but others think that it is the responsibility of the individuals themselves. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
21. Some people think that in the modern world we are more dependent on each other, while others think that people have become more independent. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
22. The internet is viewed as an excellent means of communication by many. However, there are others who would argue that it is actually destroying our communication skills. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

23. Some people believe the aim of university education is to help graduates get better jobs. Others believe there are much wider benefits of university education for both individuals and society. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
24. Some people think that it is better to educate boys and girls in separate schools. Others, however, believe that boys and girls benefit more from attending mixed schools. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.
25. Some people think that the teenage ages the happiest times of most people's lives. Others think that adult life brings more happiness, in spite of greater responsibilities. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
26. Some people think that schools should select students according to their academic abilities, while others believe that it is better to have students with different abilities studying together. Discuss both views and state your own opinion.
27. Some people work for the same organisation all their working life. Others think it is better to work for different organisations. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.
28. Some people believe that women should play an equal role as men in a country's police force or military force, such as the army, while others think women are not suitable for these kinds of jobs. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
29. 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.
30. Some people say that the best way to improve public health is by increasing the number of sports facilities. Others, however, say that this would have little effect on public health and that other measures are required. Discuss both these views and give your opinion.
31. Some people believe that visitors to other countries should follow local customs and behaviour. Others disagree and think that the host country should welcome cultural differences. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.
32. It is generally believed that some people are born with certain talents, for instance for music and sport, and others are not. However, it's sometimes claimed that any child can be taught to become good sports person or musician. Discuss the two ideas giving your opinion.
33. Some people believe that robots will play an important role in future societies, while others argue that robots might have negative effects on society. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

34. In some countries, marriages are arranged by the parents but in other cases, people choose their own marriage partner. Discuss both systems and state which one do you think is better.
35. Some people think that the best way to reduce crime is to give longer prison sentences. Others, however, believe there are better alternative ways of reducing crime. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
36. Some people argue that it is more important to have an enjoyable job than to earn a lot of money. Others disagree and think that a good salary leads to a better life. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.
37. Some people think that teachers should be responsible for teaching students to judge what is right and wrong so that they can behave well. Others say that teachers should only teach students academic subjects. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
38. Some people believe that studying at university or college is the best route to a successful career, while others believe that it is better to get a job straight after school. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
39. Successful sports professionals can earn a great deal more money than people in other important professions. Some people think this is fully justified while others think it is unfair. Discuss both of these views and give your own opinion.
40. Some people think that strict punishments for driving offences are the key to reducing traffic accidents. Others, however, believe that other measures would be more effective in improving road safety. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.
41. Some argue younger people are not suitable for important positions in the government, while others think this is a good idea. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
42. 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.

E. Two-part Question

1. We can get knowledge from news, but some people think we cannot trust journalists. What do you think? What qualities do you think a successful journalist should have?
2. There are social, medical and technical problems associated with the use of mobile phones. What form do these problems take? Do problems of using mobile phones outweigh the benefits?

3. Many people are optimistic about the 21st century and expect scientists to make positive changes to the world. To what extent do you agree or disagree with their optimism? What changes would you like to see in the new century?
4. As most people spend a major part of adult life at the place of work, job satisfaction is an important part of individual well-being. What are the factors that contribute to job satisfaction? Are all the expectations for job satisfaction realistic?
5. What are the factors that cause stress and how to cope with stress?
6. We can get knowledge from news, but some people think we cannot trust journalists. What do you think? What qualities do you think a successful journalist should have?
7. Far too little has been done to prevent animals and plants from dying out, although people have noticed this problem for a long time. Why have people failed to improve this situation? What are your suggestions?
8. Do you think that parents should be punished if their five-year-old child commits a crime? From what age should children be held responsible for their own behaviours?
9. 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?
10. Every country has poor people and every country has different ways of dealing with the poor. What are some of the reasons for poverty? What can we do to help the poor?
11. Most employers do job interviews before offering a position to a person. Do you think this is the best way to do it, or are there better alternatives? What is the best method of choosing employees in your opinion?
12. Money is important in most people's lives. Although some people think it is more important than others. What do you feel are the right uses of money? What other factors are important for a good life?
13. We are becoming increasingly dependent on computers. They are used in business, hospitals, crime detection and even to fly planes. What things will they be used in the future? Is this dependence on computers a good thing or should we be more suspicious of their benefits?
14. Nowadays for many people the internet is replacing regular books. What do you think will happen in the future and what is your opinion about this trend?
15. What is the best invention of last 100 years; computer, antibiotics, airplane, and explain why?

16. Almost every successful company is using advertisements to increase their sales. What features make an advertisement effective? Is advertising good or bad for the society?
17. With technology speeding up, more and more young people begin to use mobile phones and the Internet, but old people have little chance to be exposed to them. What ways could mobile phone and the Internet be useful to old people? How can old people be encouraged to use this new technology?
18. As most people spend a major part of their adult life at work, job satisfaction is an important element of individual well-being. What factors contribute to job satisfaction? How realistic is the expectation of job satisfaction for all workers?
19. In recent years, the family structure has changed, as well as family roles. What types of changes are occurring? Do you think these changes are positive and negative?
20. Nowadays, more and more people decide to have children later in their life. What are the reasons? Do advantages of this outweigh disadvantages?