

ANSWERS Unit 4 Academic Writing Task 1 Bar Chart - Plastic Surgery in Korea - Sentence Ordering

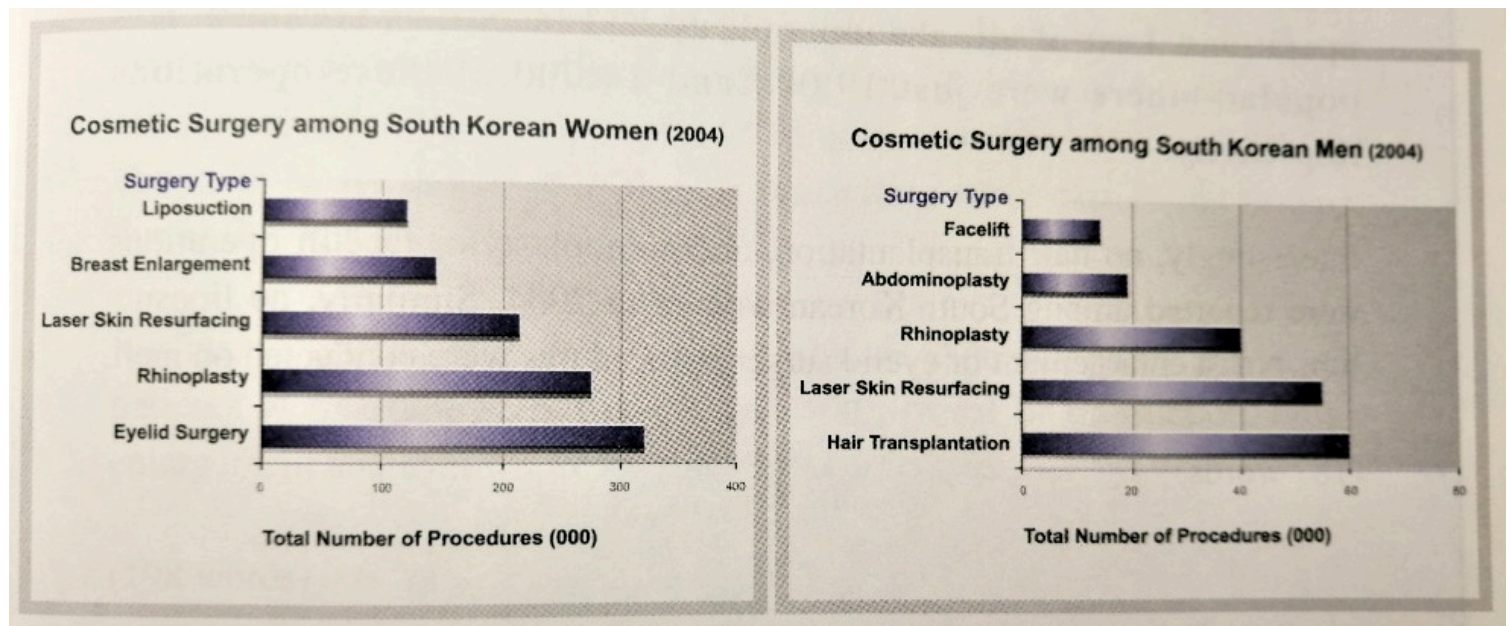
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graphs below compare the number of cosmetic procedures performed on males and females in Korea in 2004.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Part One - Model Answer A: IELTS Band 6+

Put the sentences in order by cutting the sentences from the list and pasting them after the numbers below. The first and last paragraphs of the writing are complete.

Paragraph One - Introduction

The two graphs provided show how popular different kinds of plastic surgery were among Korean men and women in 2004.

Paragraph Two - Women

1. **It is clear that** plastic surgery was quite popular among women.
2. **The most common types of** surgery for this group were eyelid surgery and rhinoplasty, with 320,000 and 275,000 operations respectively.
3. Laser skin resurfacing **was third**, at 215,000.
4. Meanwhile, breast enlargement and liposuction were a little less common.
5. There were just 145,000 and 120,000 of these operations.

Paragraph Three - Men

6. **As for** Korean men, most kinds of plastic surgery **were much less popular**.
7. Hair transplantation was the most common type of surgery for this group; however, there were only 60,000 of these operations.
8. The second most popular kind of plastic surgery for men was laser skin resurfacing, with 55,000 operations.
9. Rhinoplasty was the third most common, at 40,000 operations.
10. **Last of all**, abdominoplasty and facelifts were much less popular - there were just 19,000 and 14,000 of these operations respectively.

Paragraph Four - Interesting Highlights

Interestingly, no hair transplantation, abdominoplasty or facelift operations were reported among Korean women in 2004. Similarly, **no** liposuction, breast enlargement or eyelid surgery procedures were reported among Korean men in 2004.

(184 words)

Using the same colours as has been used on the vocabulary and phrases in the writing above, highlight the equivalent vocabulary and phrases in the writing below. The first one has been done for you as an example.

A glance at the two figures provided reveals the popularity of various forms of cosmetic surgery among Korean men and women in 2004.

Not surprisingly, plastic surgery enjoyed widespread popularity among women. By far the most common forms of cosmetic procedure for this group, eyelid surgery and rhinoplasty, were performed a staggering 320,000 and 275,000 times respectively. Third in terms of popularity, meanwhile, was laser skin resurfacing. An approximate 215,000 of these procedures were conducted on women during the year in question. Breast enlargement and liposuction were considerably less common, at 145,000 and 120,000 operations respectively.

Equally predictable is the fact that plastic surgery *was far less popular* among men. In contrast to women, hair transplantation was the most common cosmetic procedure. There were just 60,000 of these operations among Korean males. Numbering some 55,000 procedures, laser skin resurfacing was second for this group. Third was rhinoplasty, at approximately 40,000 operations. Finally, a relatively small 19,000 abdominoplasty and 14,000 facelift procedures were carried out on men during 2004.

It is interesting to note that hair transplantation, abdominoplasty and face lift patients were exclusively male, while 100 percent of liposuction, breast enlargement and eyelid surgery patients were female.

(196 words)

[Additional Model Answers](#)

Part Three - Writing the Introduction

- You have to write an introduction.
- To do this, take the information in the instructions and rewrite this information in your own words as much as possible by using synonyms and by reordering the sentence.

- You can also take information from the graphs, table, map etc. and add it to your introduction.

The Information from the Question

The graphs below compare the number of cosmetic procedures performed on males and females in Korea in 2004.

The Introduction from Model Answer A

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(20 words)

The Introduction from Model Answer B

A glance at the two figures provided reveals the popularity of various forms of cosmetic surgery among Korean men and women in 2004.

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Part Four - Writing

Write your own answer to the same question. Use vocabulary and expressions from the answers above and from [IELTS Academic Writing Task 1 Vocabulary, Phrases and Expressions](#).

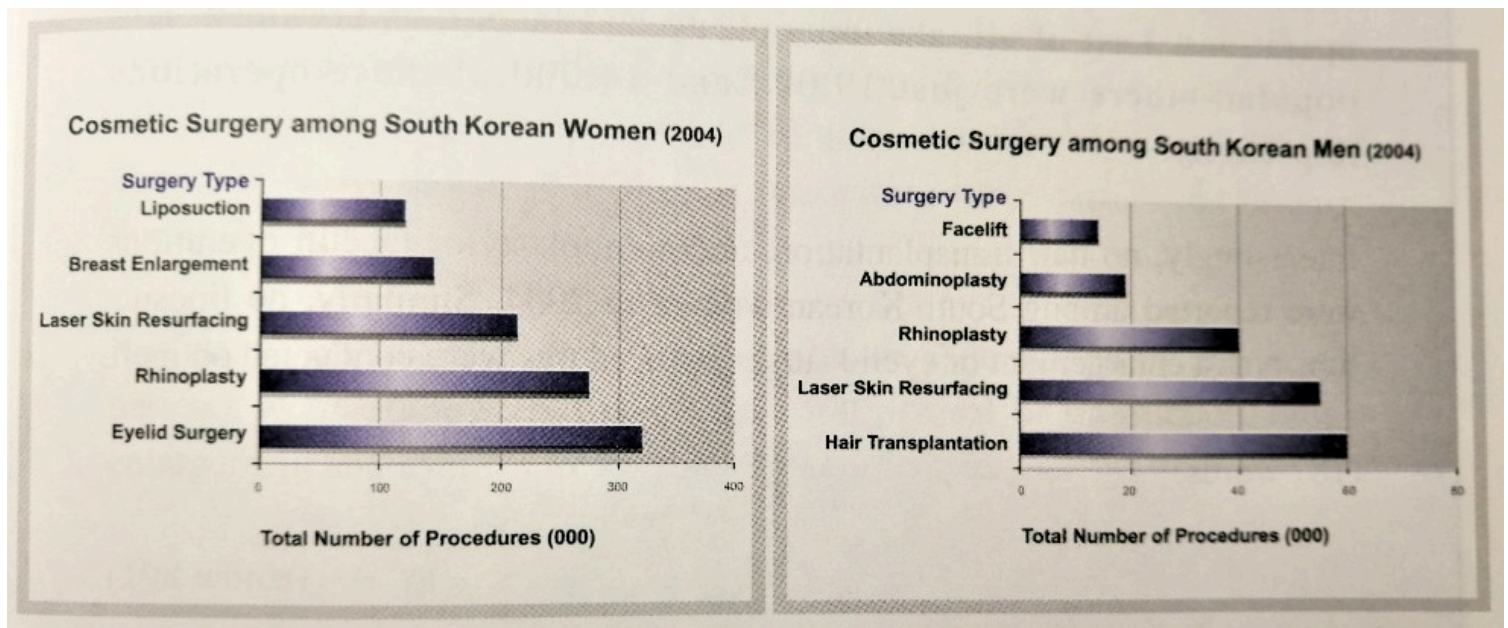
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Part Five - Model Sentence Structures

Each group of sentences has been coloured according to the different vocabulary and expressions that have the same meaning to show how to write at higher levels.

Sentence 1

IELTS 6

It is not surprising to see that plastic surgery was quite popular among women.

IELTS 7+

Not surprisingly, plastic surgery enjoyed widespread popularity among women.

Sentence 2

IELTS 5

Eyelid surgery and rhinoplasty **were the most common types of plastic surgery** for this group. **There were** 320,000 and 275,000 of these operations.

IELTS 6

Eyelid surgery and rhinoplasty **were by far the most common forms of cosmetic procedure** for this group. **These operations were performed a staggering** 320,000 and 275,000 **times**.

IELTS 7+

By far the most common forms of cosmetic procedure for this group, eyelid surgery and rhinoplasty **were performed a staggering** 320,000 and 275,000 **times respectively**.

Sentence 3

IELTS 5

Laser skin resurfacing **was the second most popular type of plastic surgery for this group, at about** 55,000 procedures.

IELTS 6

Laser skin resurfacing **was second for this group, numbering some** 55,000 procedures.

IELTS 7+

Numbering some 55,000 procedures, laser skin resurfacing **was second for this group**.

Part Six - Academic Vocabulary

Basic	Intermediate	Advanced
graph (n, v)		figure (n)
kind (n) type (n)		form (n)
different kinds		various forms
	some (adv)	approximately (adv) an approximate

		conduct (v) perform (v) carry out (ph v)
	not surprising	predictable (adj)
	common (adj) popular (adj)	
much less popular	far less popular	considerably less common
	operation (n)	procedure (n)
	plastic surgery	cosmetic procedure cosmetic surgery
	interestingly (adv)	it is interesting to note that
woman (n)	female (n, adj)	
man (n)	male (n, adj)	

Part Seven - Test Your Comprehension

Answer these questions by choosing A or B.

Questions 1-3 relate to the following two statements from Model Answer B.

A. Eyelid surgery and rhinoplasty were performed a staggering 320,000 and 275,000 times respectively.

B. Plastic surgery enjoyed widespread popularity among women.

1. Which statement is the topic sentence (the sentence that introduces a new idea in the general way)? **B**

This statement introduces the topic of plastic surgery and women.

2. Which statement comes at the start of a paragraph? **B**

This sentence comes at the start of paragraph 2.

3. Which statement gives examples of different kinds of plastic surgery? **A**

The two examples given are “eyelid surgery” and “rhinoplasty”.

Answer these questions by choosing A, B or C.

4. Which of these words does not belong in this list? Why not?

A. Eyelid surgery

B. Abdominoplasty

C. Plastic surgery

“Plastic surgery” is a category, whereas “eyelid surgery” and “abdominoplasty” are examples of it.

Category words or phrases are best used at the start of a paragraph, in the topic sentence.

5. How many verb tenses does the writer use in these essays?

A. one

B. two

C. three

The writer uses present tense to talk about the graphs and past tense to discuss trends in plastic surgery in 2004.

Answer these questions by writing YES or NO.

6. The two model answers discuss men and women in the same paragraph. **NO**

Each new topic needs a new paragraph-one paragraph is written about men and one is written about women.

7. In Model answer A, the writer says “as for Korean men” after he has finished discussing Korean women. **YES**

“As of Korean men” is the same as “with regard to Korean men”. This is a good way to change the subject.

8. In Model Answer B, “Hair transplantation...patients were exclusively male” means that most hair transplant patients were men. **NO**

It actually means that all hair transplant patients were men.

9. These essays have no conclusion. **YES**

It is not necessary to write a conclusion for Writing Task 1. Instead, you may choose to highlight a point that you think is interesting.

Part Eight - Additional Model Answers

Model Answer C

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Also noteworthy is the fact that hair transplantation, Abdominoplasty and facelift patients were exclusively male, while 100 percent of liposuction, breast enlargement and eyelid surgery patients were female.

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Model Answer D

The two charts given demonstrate the number of cosmetic procedures conducted on males and females in Korea in 2004. The differences in the types of surgeries and the amount of operations between the two genders can be clearly seen.

There is no surprise that plastic procedures are preferred by women. The most popular type of surgery they chose was eyelid, with a number of 320000, approximately. Rhinoplasty came second. This was done about 280000 times. Breast enlargement and surgery type liposuction were least taken. Respectively, there were 150000 and 120000 times these procedures were selected.

In comparison to women, the quantity of cosmetic surgery taken by the counterpart was by far less. The records show there were 50000 hair transplantation operations taken by men, which make it the most favorite among them. This was more than six times less than the most picked by women. Abdominoplasty and surgery type were not as popular as the rest. The former was carried out about 20000 times and the latter had a number of 18000.

It is obvious that both genders preferred laser skin resurfacing and rhinoplasty. On the contrary, liposuction, breast enlargement and eyelid surgery were taken by women only; while men chose hair transplantation executively.

(206 words)
