

Task 2 Questions

- 1) People who cause their own illnesses through unhealthy lifestyles and poor diets should have to pay more for health care.

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

- 2) We are becoming increasingly dependent on computer-based technology.

How do you think it will change in the future?

Is it good for us to rely so much on computers?

- 3) Many students choose to take a gap year before starting university, to travel or gain work experience.

Do you think this is a good idea or a waste of time?

- 4) In the past, shopping was a routine domestic task. Many people nowadays regard it as a hobby.

To what extent do you think this is a positive trend?

- 5) Longer life spans and improvements in the health of older people suggest that people over the age of sixty-five can continue to live full and active lives.

In what ways can society benefit from the contribution that older people can make?

- 6) 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?

7) Increasing numbers of students are choosing to study abroad.

To what extent does this trend benefit the students themselves and the countries involved?

What are the drawbacks?

8) Many people believe that the high levels of violence in films today are causing serious social problems.

What are these problems and how could they be reduced?

9) Today's teenagers have more stressful lives than previous generations.
Discuss this view and give your own opinion.

10) Social media is becoming increasingly popular amongst all age groups. However, sharing personal information on social media websites does have risks.

Do you think that the advantages of social media outweigh the disadvantages?

11) Nowadays many countries have very cosmopolitan cities with people from all over the world.

How can the government ensure that all these people can live together harmoniously?

12) Multinational companies are becoming increasingly common in developing countries.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this?

13) In many cities the use of video cameras in public places is being increased in order to reduce crime, but some people believe these measures restrict our individual freedom.

Do the benefits of increased security outweigh the drawbacks?

14) Nowadays more and more people have to compete with young people for the same jobs.

What problems does this cause?

What are some possible solutions?

15) Physical appearance may play an important role in many spheres of life: in the person's success in school, in relationships with people, in the choice of a career path.

Say whether you agree or disagree with it, and if you see it as a positive or negative factor.

16) A government's role is only to provide defence capability and urban infrastructure (roads, water supplies, etc.). All other services (education, health, social security) should be provided by private groups or individuals in the community.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

17) In many countries schools have severe problems with student behaviour.

What do you think are the causes of this?

What solutions can you suggest?

18) A lot of places in the world rely on tourism as a main source of income. Unfortunately, tourism can also be a source of problems if it is not managed correctly.

Describe the advantages and disadvantages of tourism in the modern world.

Do you think that benefits of tourism outweigh its drawbacks?

General IELTS Writing Task 1 Sample

19) You have heard that a developer plans to build a shopping centre near your home.

Write a letter to the council. In your letter:

- say how you heard about the plan
- explain how you feel about it
- ask for more information about it

20) You paid a refundable deposit when you rented an apartment. You left the apartment in good condition but the Landlord won't return your deposit.

Write a letter to the landlord. In your letter:

- explain why you are writing
- ask for the return of your deposit
- inform the landlord of possible legal action

21) You arranged to visit a friend in Canada but an important event at home now means that you must change the dates of the visit.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter:

- explain the important event
- apologise for the situation
- suggest a new arrangement

22) You have seen an advertisement for a community college that needs teachers for night classes.

Write a letter to the community college. In your letter:

- say which advertisement you are answering
- describe which course(s) you want to teach, and what it/they would be about
- explain why you would be a suitable teacher

23) You are going to another country to study. You would like to do a part-time job while you are studying, so you want to ask a friend who lives there for some help.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter:

- give details of your study plans
- explain why you want to get a part-time job
- suggest how your friend could help you find a job

24) You are studying for a qualification, and you would like some time off work to complete it.

Write a letter to your manager. In your letter:

- Ask for some time off to complete a qualification.
- Suggest what you will do later at work if you have time off.
- Say how the qualification helps your job or company.

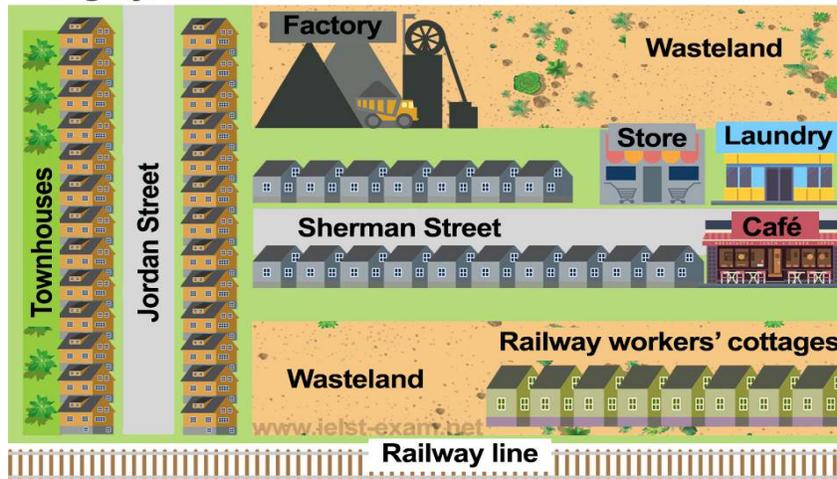
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Academic IELTS writing task 1 sample

25) The maps below show the town of Langley in 1910 and 1950.

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

Langley, 1910



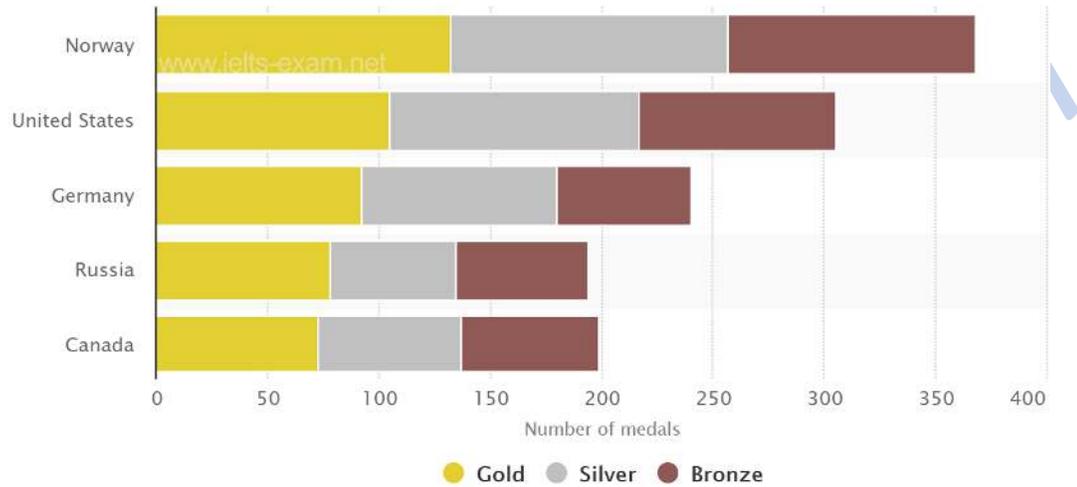
Langley, 1950



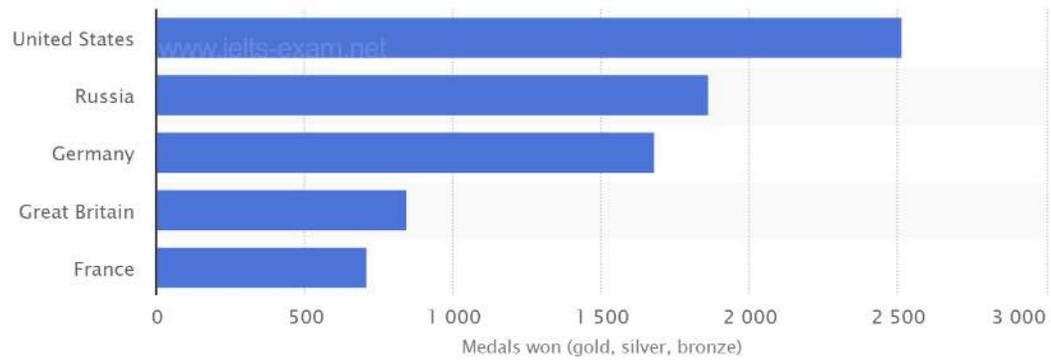
26) The graphs below show the number of medals won by the top five countries in the summer and winter Olympics.

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

Winter Olympics – highest ranking medal winners of all time



Summer Olympics – highest ranking medal winners of all time

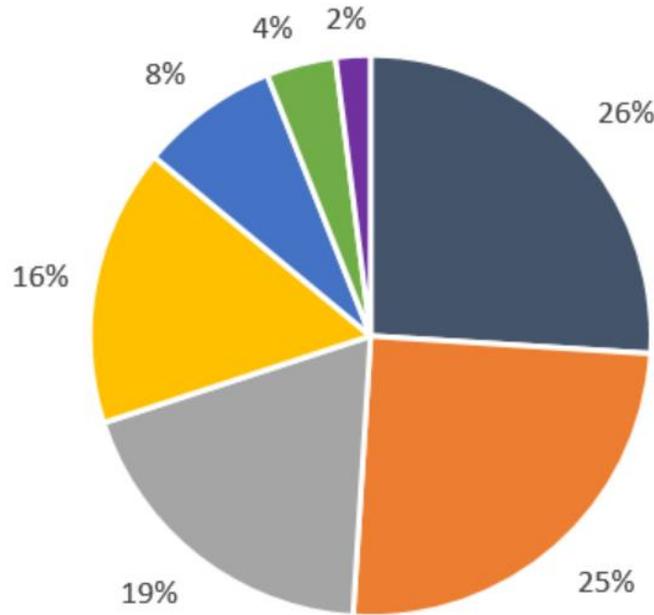


27) The graph shows data on the manufacture of passenger cars in 2015.

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

World passenger car production, 2015

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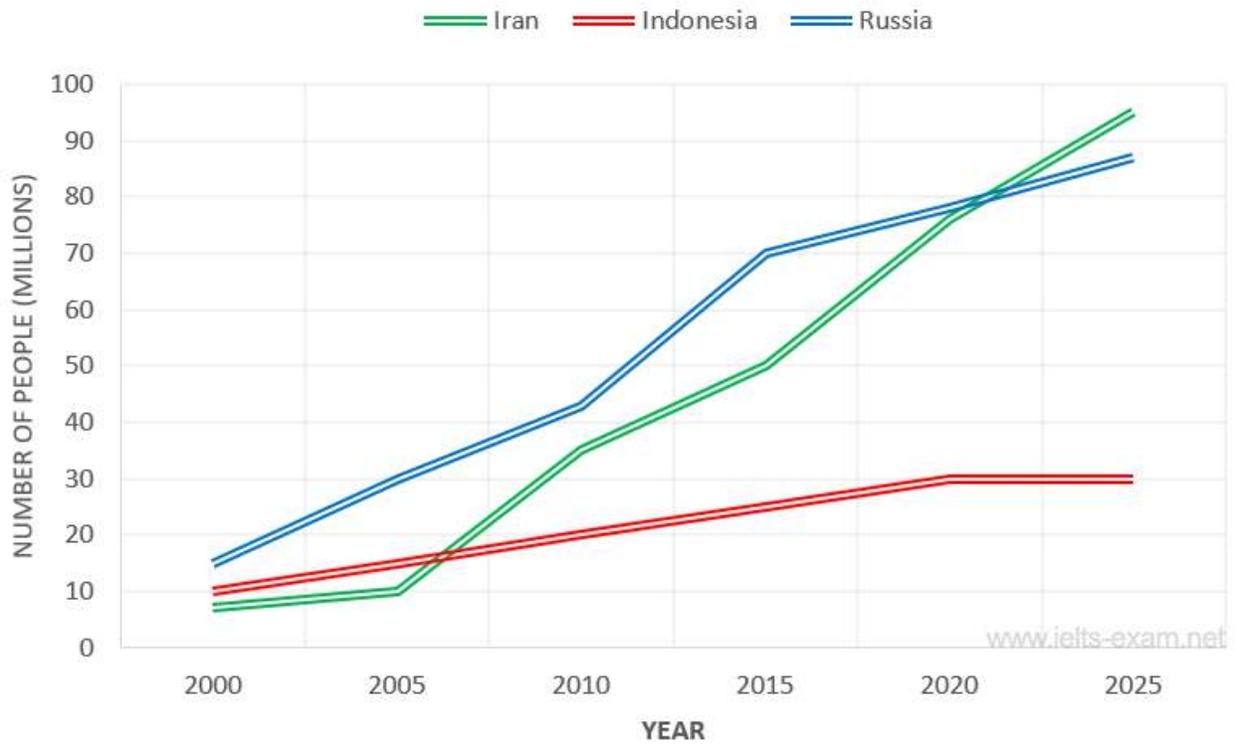
- Greater China
- Europe
- North America
- Japan / Korea
- South Asia
- South America
- Middle East / Africa

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28) The chart below shows the movement of people from rural to urban areas in three countries and predictions for future years.

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

PEOPLE MOVING FROM RURAL TO URBAN AREAS



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29) The table below shows top ten countries with largest population in 2019, and how it is projected to change by 2100.

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

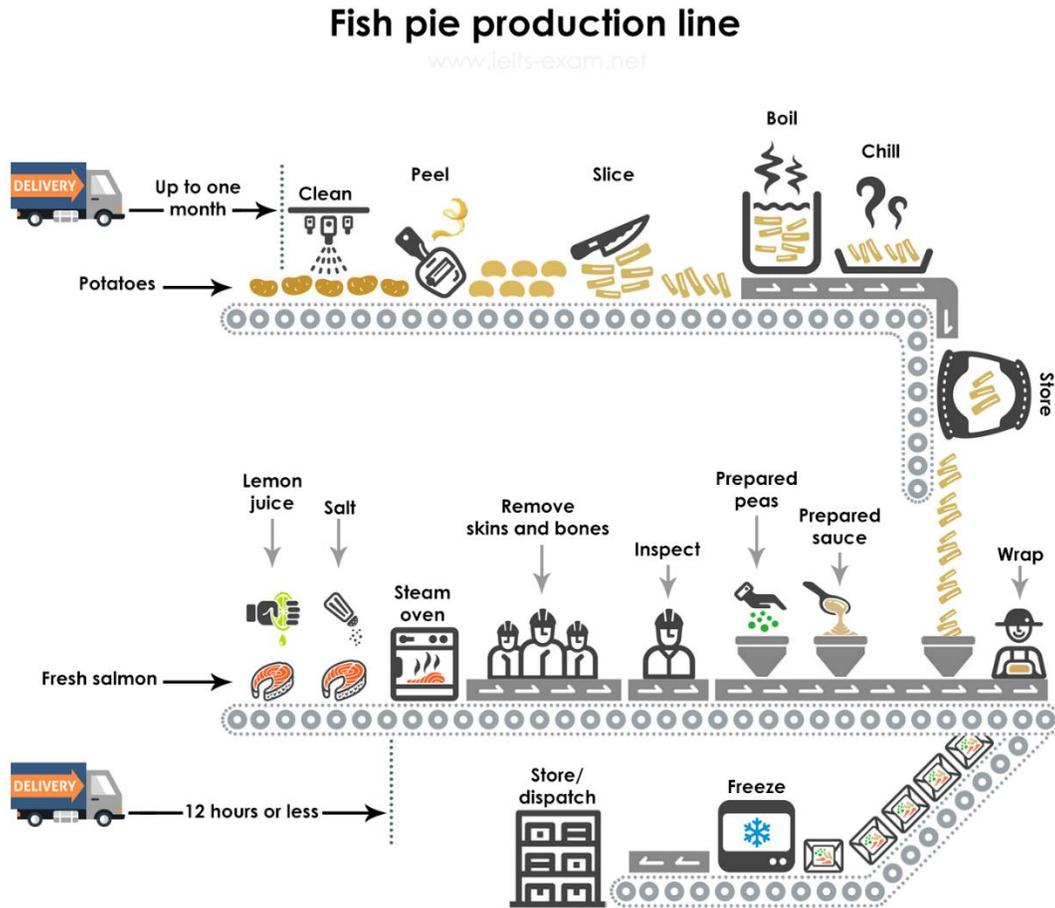
Top ten countries with largest population, in million



* Democratic Republic of Congo

30) The diagrams below give information about the manufacture of frozen fish pies.

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



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