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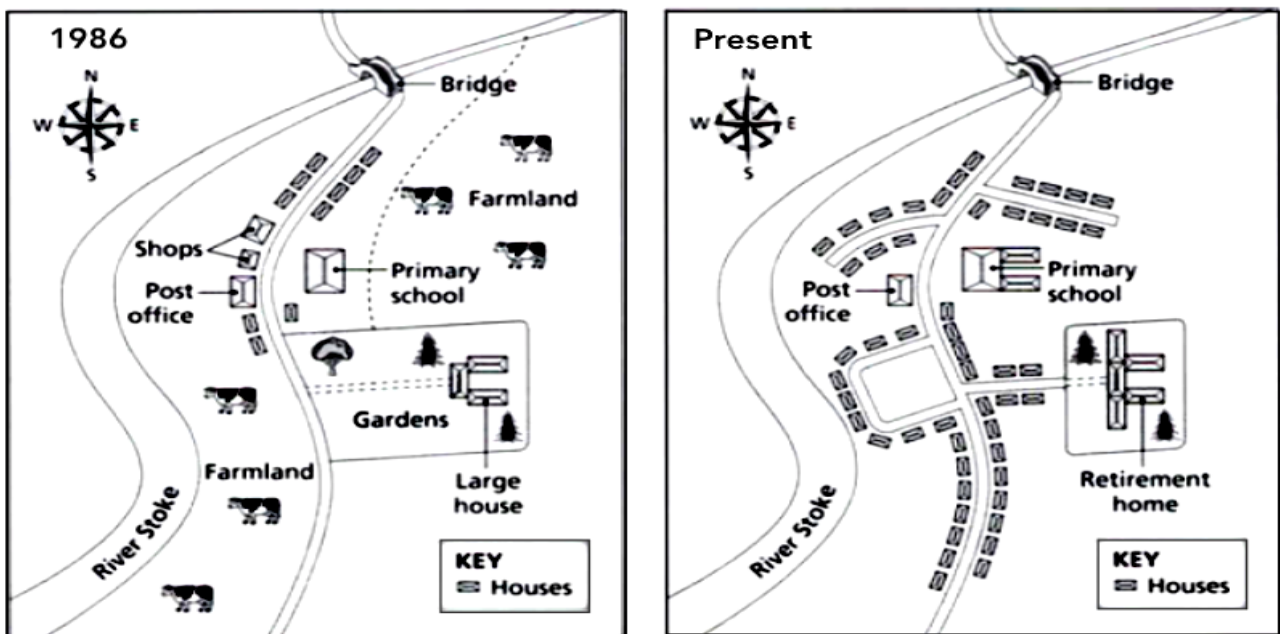
Vocabulary: Location

Test Tips: Describing location

When describing maps include the location of the different features. There is usually a compass on the maps which you should use to write the location in full. When a compass is not provided, use prepositions and phrases to describe location.

In the/Located in the... north/south/east/west... north-east/north-west... south-east/south-west
 Between... next to... on the right/left of... near... opposite the... behind the...

Exercise 5: Choose the correct answer according to the maps



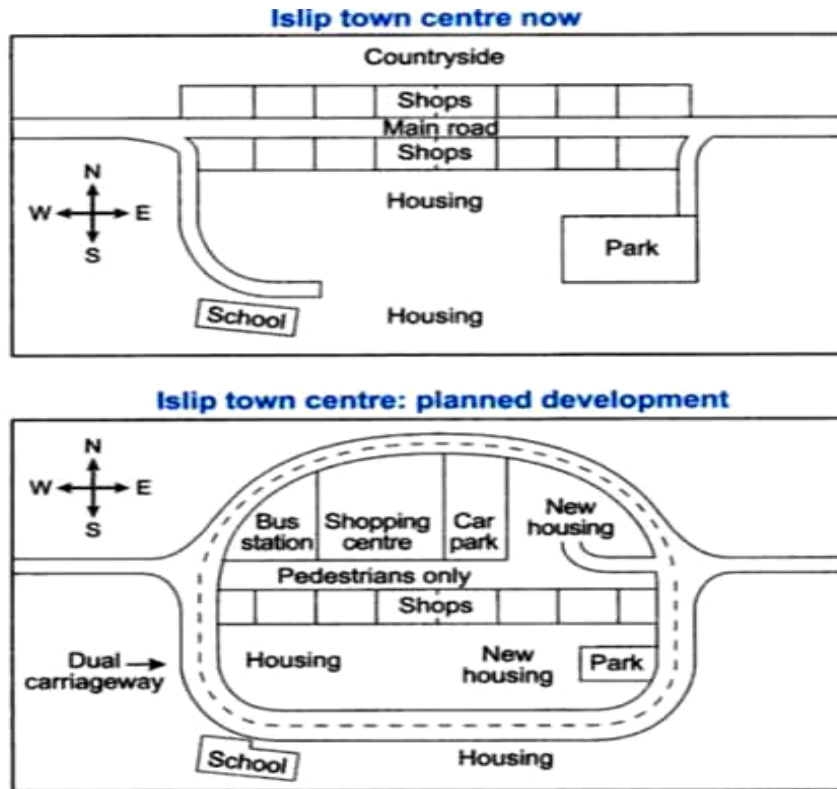
Source: IELTS past papers

- The bridge in the _____ of the village has remained unchanged.
 A. north-west B. north C. west
- The large house located in the _____ has been converted into a retirement home.
 A. east B. west C. south-west
- The primary school _____ the post office has been extended.
 A. next to B. between C. opposite
- The shops _____ the post office have been demolished and replaced with housing.
 A. on the right B. on the left C. in front of
- The gardens _____ of the large house have been replaced with residential units.
 A. south B. east C. west

Task Focus

Maps: Present to Future

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



Source: IELTS past papers

Grammar: Future Developments

The main tense used to describe future developments is Future Passive. Will / shall / going to + be + past participle form of the verb.

You can also use phrases such as “is planned to be converted” “is proposed to be demolished”

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Test Tips

Maps and building plans showing future developments usually do not have completion dates. It is not necessary to invent a date.

Basic: *The maps show the center of Islip today and the plans to redevelop it.*

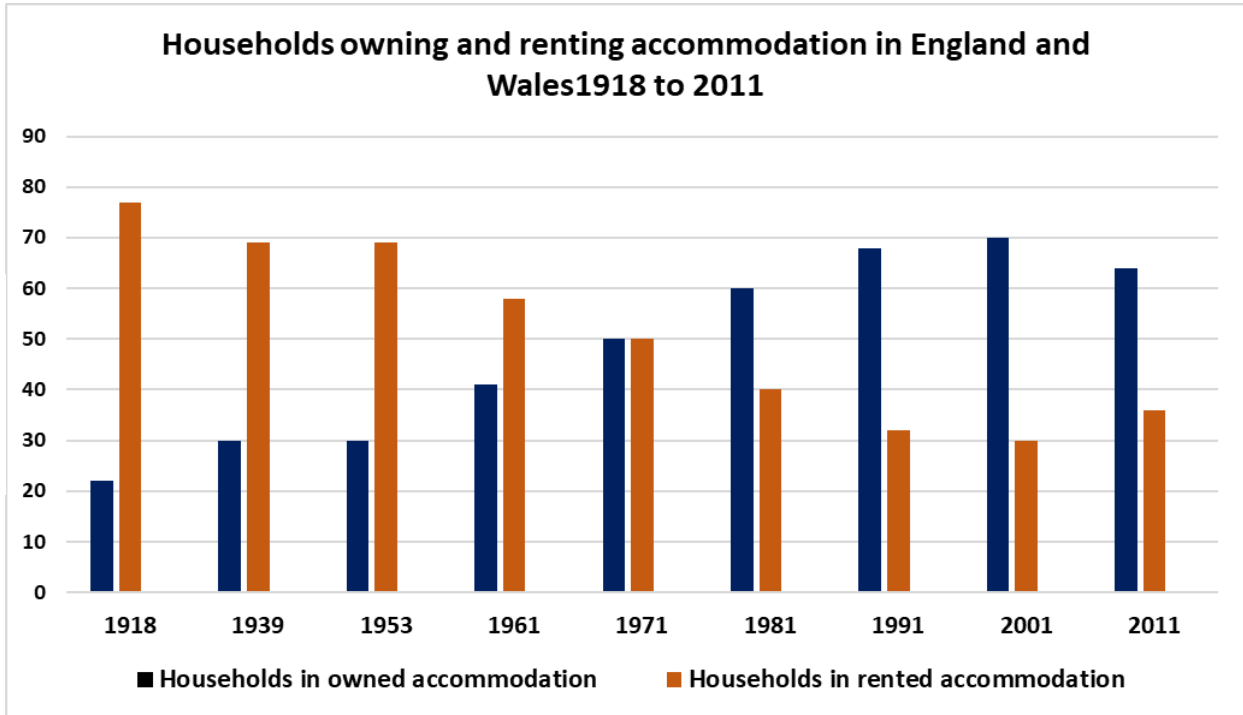
Complex: *Illustrated in the maps is the planned modernization of Islip city center.*

Complex: *Plans for the modernization of Islip town center are depicted in the maps.*

Task Focus

Dynamic Charts: Past

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



Source: IELTS past papers

Introduction

Basic: The bar chart shows the percentage of households that owned and rented a place to live in England and Wales over 93 years.

Complex: Depicted in the diagram is the percentage of households that owned and rented a place to live in England and Wales over 93 years.

Complex: The percentage of households that owned and rented a place to live in England and Wales over 93 years is illustrated in the bar chart.

Overview

For dynamic charts in the past, describe the general trend in the categories from start to finish. It is not necessary to include the data (figures). These will be included in the main body paragraphs.

Example: Overall, the rate of rented accommodation decreased gradually but rose slightly in the final recorded year while the percentage of places that were owned increased steadily but there was a slight drop in 2011.

Test practice

Time yourself when completing this task. When you have finished, compare your answer to the model.

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the final medal table from the London Olympic Games in 2012.

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

Write at least 150 words

2012 Olympics medal table

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States (USA)	46	29	29	104
2	China (CHN)	38	27	23	88
3	Great Britain (GBR)	29	17	19	65
4	Russia (RUS)	24	26	32	82
5	South Korea (KOR)	13	8	7	28
6	Germany (GER)	11	19	14	44
7	France (FRA)	11	11	12	34
8	Italy (ITA)	8	9	11	28
9	Hungary (HUN)	8	4	5	17
10	Australia (AUS)	7	16	12	35

Model Answer H

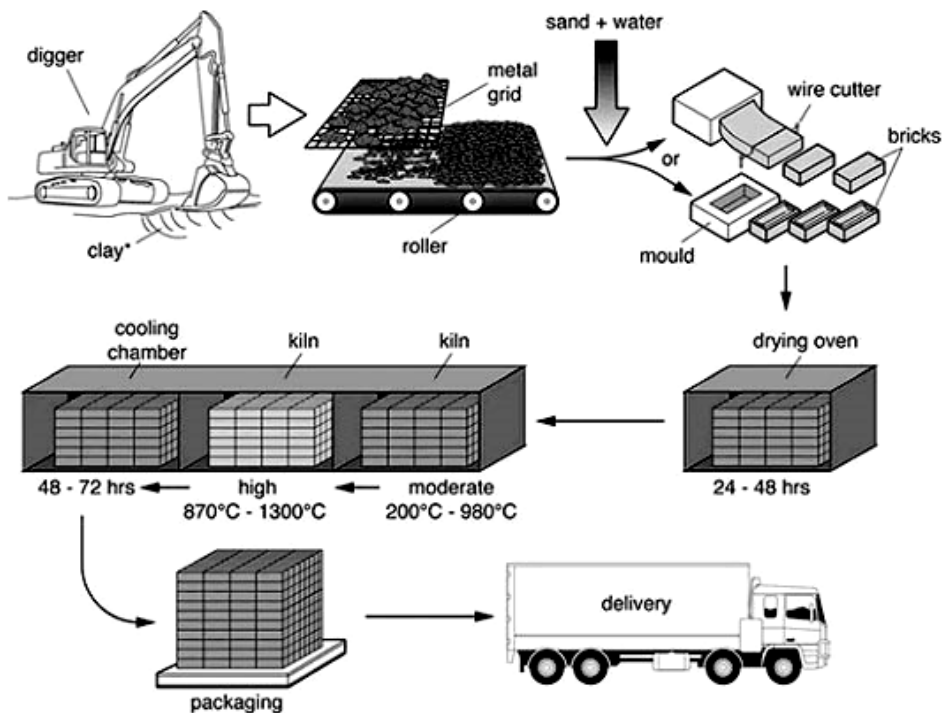
Task Focus

Manufacturing Process

The diagram illustrates the process that is used to manufacture bricks for the building industry.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Source: IELTS past paper

Introduction

Basic: The diagram shows how bricks are made for the construction sector.

Complex: Depicted in the diagram is the manufacturing process for bricks which are used in the construction sector.

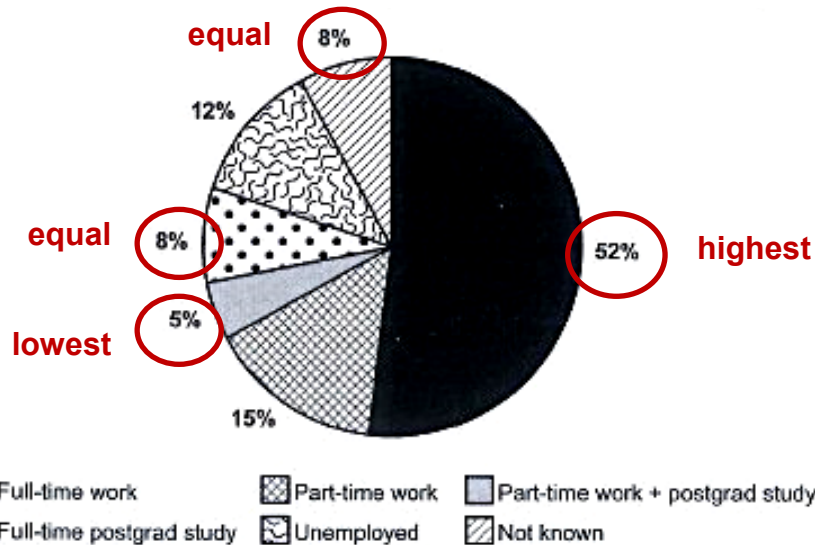
Complex: The manufacturing process for bricks that are used in the construction sector is depicted in the diagram.

Overview

For manufacturing processes, include the number of steps and where the it starts and finishes.

Example: Overall, there are several stages involved in the process which commences with a vehicle extracting the clay and culminates with the finished bricks being delivered to customers by lorry.

Highlighting the main features



Example: Paragraph 2 - pie chart

Slightly more than half the graduates, at 52%, from a single college, entered full time employment whereas combining full-time work with a postgrad course was the least popular choice and accounted for 5% of the total figures. In addition, enrolling on a full-time postgrad course and not known were the second lowest figures and constituted 8% each.

Salaries of Anthropolgy graduates (after 5 years' work)

Type of employment	\$25,000–49,999	\$50,000–74,999	\$75,000–99,999	\$100,000+
Freelance consultants	5%	15%	40%	40%
Government sector	5%	15%	30%	50%
Private companies	10%	35%	25%	30%

Example: Paragraph 3 - table

Half of the graduates of anthropology, who work for the government, receive a salary of more than \$100,000 while 10% of those employed by private companies receive \$25,000 to \$49,999. An equal percentage of freelance consultants and government employees receive identical salaries with 5% receiving \$25,000 to \$49,999 and 15% getting a salary between \$50,000 and \$74,999.

The complete sample answer is in the answer key.

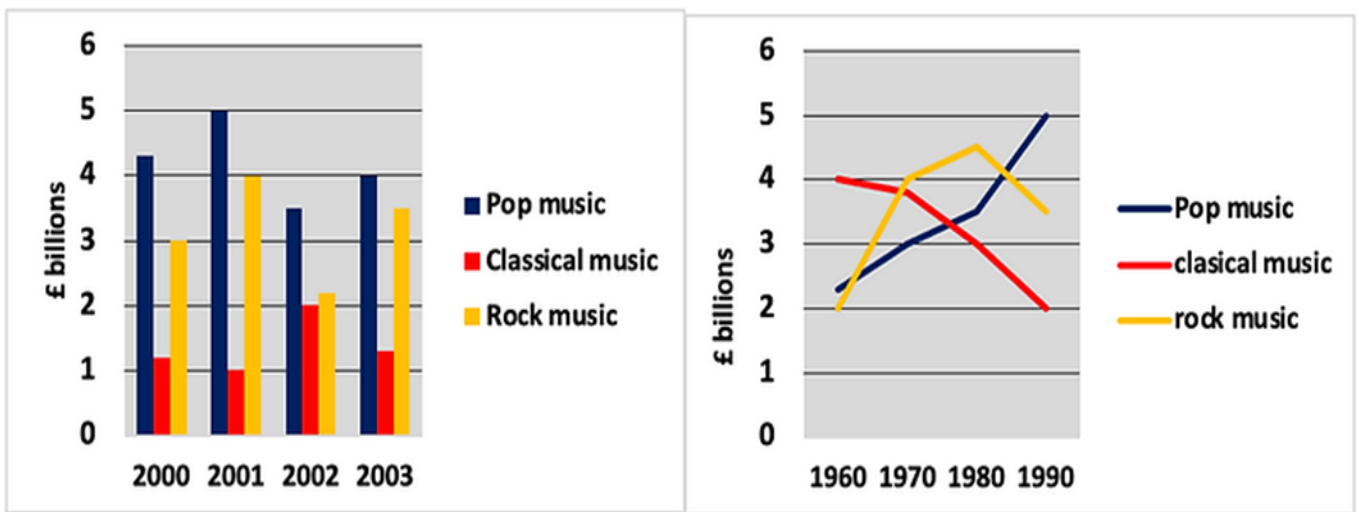
Model Answer M

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graphs below provide information about the sales of three different types of music in England.

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

Write at least 150 words



Depicted in the diagrams are the sales of three kinds of music per decade and annually. Overall, pop music was consistently the best seller, according to the bar chart, while the line graph shows that sales of pop and rock increased whereas classical decreased.

The sales of all music types, illustrated in the bar chart, fluctuated over the years but pop was consistently the most popular and peaked at £5 billion in 2001 while rock reached its highest level in 2001 at £4 billion. Classical, in comparison, was always the least popular with the lowest amount sold in 2001 at just over £1 billion.

As for the line graph, the sales for pop more than doubled from approximately £2.2 in 1960 to £5 billion in 1990 whereas classical sales slumped by 50% from £4 to £2 billion over the same period of time. There was a steep rise in the sales of rock from £2 to £4.5 billion from 1960 to 1980 but sales sharply declined over the next decade from approximately £4.5 to £3.5 billion.

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