

IELTS Academic: Writing Task 1

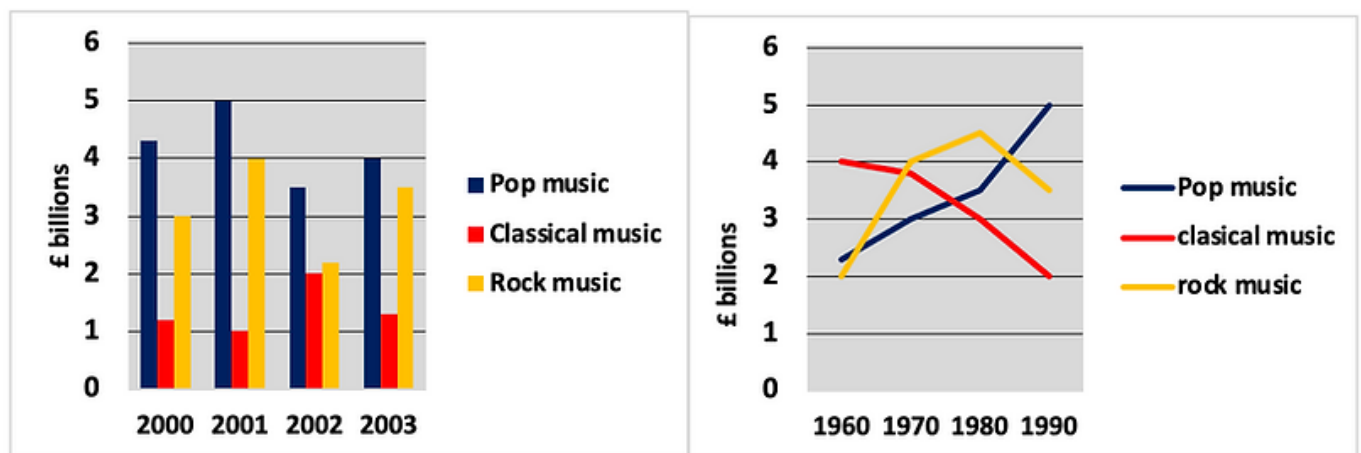
Multiple Diagrams

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.

176 words