OVERALL BAND SCORE   6   6+6+6+6

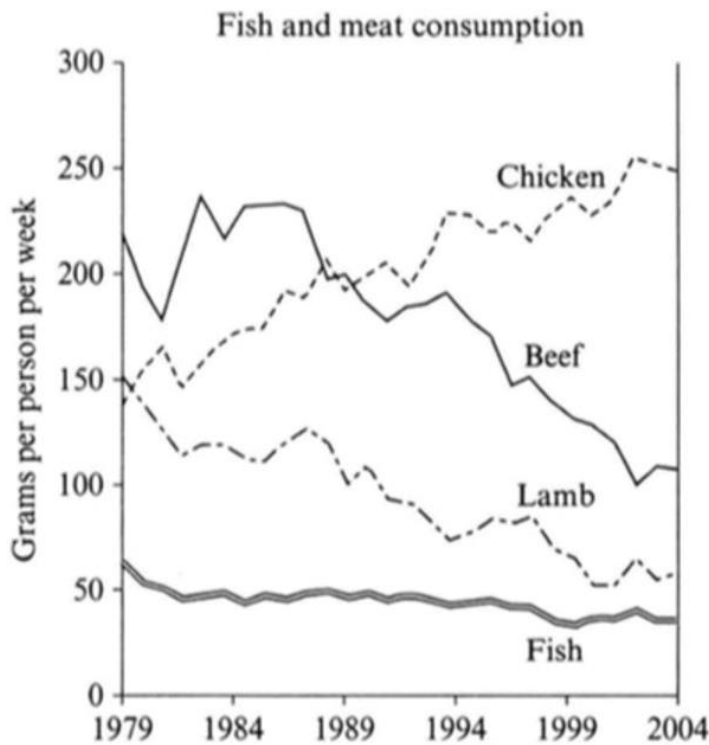SEE BELOW **C&C LR GRA**   *MODEL ANSWER*

WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows the consumption of fish and some different kinds of meat in a European country between 1979 and 2004.

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

Write at least 150 words

Fish and meat consumption

Your answer

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TA – Task Achievement nb – GRA and LR errors have not been corrected

Band score 6

In a question with changes over time, you should mention **both trends and differences** for a clear overview – band score 7.   You didn't mention the differences, which limits your score to 6 for TA. See my overview here.

- (Academic) presents an overview with information appropriately selected
Band score 6 TA

- (Academic) presents a clear overview of main trends, differences or stages
Band score 7 TA

In a question like this, you should clearly state the opening and closing figures, along with any major turning points and trends, which you gave.

General English errors throughout affect the clarity and limit your score to 6 for TA.

- presents and adequately highlights key features/bullet points but details may be irrelevant, inappropriate or inaccurate
Band score 6 TA

See my model answer and memorise structures.

RECOMMENDED LAYOUT FOR TASK 1 ANSWERS
• Write an introduction paraphrasing the information provided. If possible, change the structure from a noun phrase to a noun clause

(change *the chart gives information about **the number of*** to *the chart shows **how many […]***).

- Write a clear overview of the main trends, differences, and stages. If there are trends and differences (ie if there are changes over time), give some information about both. If there are only differences, as in questions with no time scale, provide differences of more than one type.

- Put the overview after the introduction in a separate paragraph. Don't hide it in the introduction or at the end, as it's the first thing the examiner looks for.

- Separate your paragraphs with blank lines. It looks better and there can be no doubt that it is a new paragraph.

- Write one or more paragraphs about the information itself and organise it logically. Use signposting phrases to show your organisation to the examiner. Eg *Looking first at the most popular reasons, […]*

- It's not necessary to write a conclusion, because you've already given the information in an overview.

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Commented [TG1]: Ok introduction, but see LR and see GRA

Commented [TG2]: Ok but it's strange to mention the least important – fish – first. You didn't say which was the most consumed meat, so it's not a clear overview

consumption is almost constant, that is from 60 grams for a person in a week to 50 grams for a person in a week.

> **Commented [TG3]:** You summarised the key features accurately

C&C - Cohesion and Coherence nb GRA and LR errors have not been corrected

Band score 6

The organisation is good and it is shown by good signposting. Note my comments about paragraphing. It would be better to put lamb and beef in the same paragraph and to put fish in a paragraph of its own.

Use of cohesive devices is mixed, with some errors and missed opportunities.

You need more accuracy for a higher score.

Note the use of referencing in the table below, especially *that of* and *the figure.*

- uses cohesive devices effectively, but cohesion within and/or between sentences may be faulty or mechanical
  Band score 6 C&C

- may not always use referencing clearly or appropriately
  Band score 6 C&C

THE FOLLOWING ARE CORRECT SIGNPOSTING PHRASES FOR WRITING TASK 1 ACADEMIC, NOT NECESSARILY OF THIS QUESTION.	
Phrase	**Example**
Turning first **to** Looking first **at**	**Turning first to the most popular devices, iPhones […]**

As far as […] is concerned,	**As far as the Northern Network is concerned, passenger numbers […]**
With regard to With respect to	**With regard to single people, they were the least likely […]**
As for	**As for beef consumption, a steady decline was seen […]**
Regarding	**Regarding beef consumption, after starting the period at […]**
In terms of	**In terms of fish, […]**

EXAMPLES OF REFERENCING THAT YOU COULD USE VARIOUS TASK 1 QUESTIONS - NOT NECESSARILY FOR THIS ONE.
[…], followed by the UK and France, at 4% and 7% **respectively**
[…], followed by the UK and France, at 4% and 7% **in that order**
[…] **with respective figures of** x and y million people.
[…], while **the figures** for A and B were x and y **respectively**
[…] while **that of beef** stood at 200 grams per person per week
[…], while **in the case of the former**, **it** ended the period at […]
[…], while the corresponding figure **for men was x**
[…], while the corresponding figure **for** their male counterparts **was x**
[…] around 30% of Americans ate fast food once or twice a month in 2003, and 33% **did so** in 2013.
[…] a new pedestrian crossing will be built, **as will** two bicycle lanes, replacing some […]
The 2 lane road will be replaced by a 4 lane **one**

Commented [TG4]: if you've used respectively already, use this

This graph depicts, over the period of years (1979 to 2004), how much ~~amount of~~ meat like fish and other types are consumed in European country.

Commented [TG5]: see LR

~~Over all~~ Overall, we can see that fish is always consumed least and it was almost constant over the years compared to other meats, whereas, other meat's consumption is fluctuating from the year 1979 to 2004.

Commented [TG6]: the commas come before *whereas / while*

Considering Chicken consumption first, amount of Chicken ate by a person in a week during 1979 is around 145 grams. ~~It~~, after which it increases drastically year by year and reaches 250 grams per person in a week in 2004.

Commented [TG7]: Good signposting

Commented [TG8]: Learn this excellent linking phrase

However, Beef consumption was highest in 1979 compare to other meats ~~while~~ and ~~going further~~ it then increases for couple of years and decreases sharply and reaches ~~to~~ around 110 grams per person per week in 2004. Similarly, Lamb consumption has decreased ~~in certain amount that is~~ from 150 grams to around 65 grams in 25 years.

Commented [TG9]: Better: *In contrast*

Commented [TG10]: Not a clear phrase

Commented [TG11]: It makes more sense to put this in the same paragraph as beef.

Finally, Fish consumption is almost constant, that is it fell slightly from 60 grams for a person in a week to 50 grams for a person in a week.

LR- - Lexical resource nb Some GRA errors have not been corrected.

Band score 6

The vocabulary used is adequate, but there is not enough accuracy for a higher score.

Attempts to use higher level vocabulary result in more frequent errors, but the meaning is generally clear.

Be careful with prepositions

- uses an adequate range of vocabulary for the task
  Band score 6 LR

- attempts to use less common vocabulary but with some inaccuracy
  Band score 6 LR

- makes some errors in spelling and/or word formation, but they do not impede communication
  Band score 6 LR

COMPOUND NOUNS	
Original phrase	**Compound nouns**
200 millions passengers	200 million passengers
The bar chart below shows the number of Japanese tourists	The chart gives information about Japanese tourist numbers, in terms of […]
	Overall**, tourist numbers from this country,** rose steadily […],
	Throughout the period, **numbers** rose steadily
The bar chart below shows the number of passengers on	The chart shows **how many passengers** used three […]

	Overall, **passenger numbers** on all three networks […]
~~banana sales of UK~~	Overall**, UK banana sales** rose steadily
	At the star to the period**, banana sales**
[…] more men than women were able to read and write	**male literacy** was higher than that of females
	the **highest literacy rates**
~~the sales of Jack & Jones company~~	**Jack & Jones jean sales**
~~**Please find the two essays of task 1**~~	**Please find two Task 1 essays**

This graph depicts, over the period of years (1979 to 2004), how much ~~amount of~~ meat ~~like~~ and fish ~~and other types~~ are consumed in a particular European country.

> **Commented [TG12]:** I'd save this for works of art. Better: shows

~~Over all~~Overall, we can see that fish is always consumed least and it was almost constant over the years, compared to other meats whereas, consumption of other types of meat~~'s consumption~~ is fluctuating from the year 1979 to 2004.

> **Commented [TG13]:** better: *fish and three types of meat*

> **Commented [TG14]:** Take every opportunity to use any less common lexis

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> **Commented [TG15]:** Much more natural

Similarly, Lamb consumption has decreased ~~in~~ by a certain amount that is from 150 grams to around 65 grams ~~in~~ over 25 years. Finally, Fish consumption is almost constant, that is from 60 grams ~~for a~~ per person ~~in a~~ per week to 50 grams ~~for a~~ per person ~~in a~~ per week.

> **Commented [TG16]:** Better: throughout the 25 year period

GRA – Grammatical range and accuracy nb Some LR errors have not been corrected

<mark>Band score 6</mark>

There are some correct simple and complex structures but there are too many errors to get a band score 7.

Be careful with tenses. You used the present simple throughout and the simple past is the best tense for a question like this.

Be careful with punctuation. You capitalised chicken, etc, and this is not correct as types of meat are not *proper nouns.* Task 1 questions often use capitals because they are titles. It is a mistake to copy the capitals from the question to your answer, unless it's a proper noun.

<mark>▪ uses a mix of simple and complex sentence forms</mark>
Band score 6 GRA

<mark>▪ makes some errors in grammar and punctuation but they rarely reduce communication</mark>
Band score 6 GRA

GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURES YOU COULD USE IN DIFFERENT TYPES OF TASK 1 QUESTION – NOT NECESSARILY IN THIS ONE	

If you want to write
 	
    ~~The percentage of unemployment was 5%~~
    ~~The proportion of unemployment was 5%~~
 	
you need to rephrase:
 	
    Unemployment stood at 5%
    Around 5% of the workforce was unemployed	

the past perfect	*[…] by 1990 numbers had reached 20 million*
participle phrases	*[…], ending the period at this level.*

grouping (A) Two or more features can be grouped together	*With regard to food and drink, including tobacco products, 30% of expenditure **in both Ireland and Turkey** went on these products, while **the figures for Italy, Spain, and Sweden** stood at between 15% and 19%.*
Grouping (B)	With regard to shipping goods by **water and rail**, **both** fluctuated throughout the 28 year period, although the former ended with a rise of around 30%, and the latter finished the period close to its starting level of 40 MTA
preposition + gerund	*[…] , with x million passengers **using** it every year.*
Preposition + gerund (passive)	*[…] , with 100 grams per week **being consumed** by the typical person in this country […]*

This graph depicts, ~~over the period of years (1979 to 2004),~~ how much ~~amount of~~ meat like fish and other types are were consumed in a European country over the period from 1979 to 2004,~~.~~

> **Commented [TG17]:** Note the simpler word order

Over all, we can see that fish ~~is~~ was always consumed least and its consumption was almost constant over the years compared to other types of meat~~s~~ whereas, other ~~meat's~~ consumption of the others is ~~fluctuating~~ fluctuated from the year 1979 to 2004.

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> **Commented [TG18]:** Verb 3

Similarly, ~~L~~lamb consumption ~~has~~ decreased ~~in~~ by a certain amount, that is from 150 grams to around 65 grams ~~in~~ over the 25 years. Finally, Fish consumption ~~is~~ was almost constant, that is it fell from 60 grams for a person in a week to 50 grams for a person in a week.

Model Answer

KEY	**C&C**	**bold**
	LR	*italics*
	GRA	underlined

The graph shows <u>how much</u> fish and meat (chicken, beef, and lamb) *were consumed* by *the average person* in *a particular* European country from 1979 to 2004.

Overall, *consumption of all types of meat* <u>declined</u> *with the exception of chicken*, **which** showed a steady increase *in popularity*. Chicken *ended up* as **by far the most popular meat**, **while** fish was <u>the least widely consumed.</u>

At the start of the period, beef was the most popular meat, <u>with</u> over 200 grams per week (gpw) <u>being consumed</u> by *the average person*. **At the same time**, *individual consumption of chicken and lamb stood at* about 150 gpw, **while the figure for fish** was much lower, <u>at</u> 60 gpw.

Thereafter, *per capita* chicken consumption rose steadily, *finishing the period* at 250 gpw. **In contrast**, *consumption of both* beef and lamb saw *consistent declines,* <u>despite</u> beef peaking at around 240 gpw in 1984*, and b*<u>y</u> **the end of the period,** their levels of consumption <u>had fallen</u> *to* around 100 and 60 gpw respectively.

With regard to fish, it was *the least popular* **at all times** <u>with the typical person in this country</u>, <u>as it fell </u>from 60 gpw in 1979 to 40 gpw in 2004.

200 words