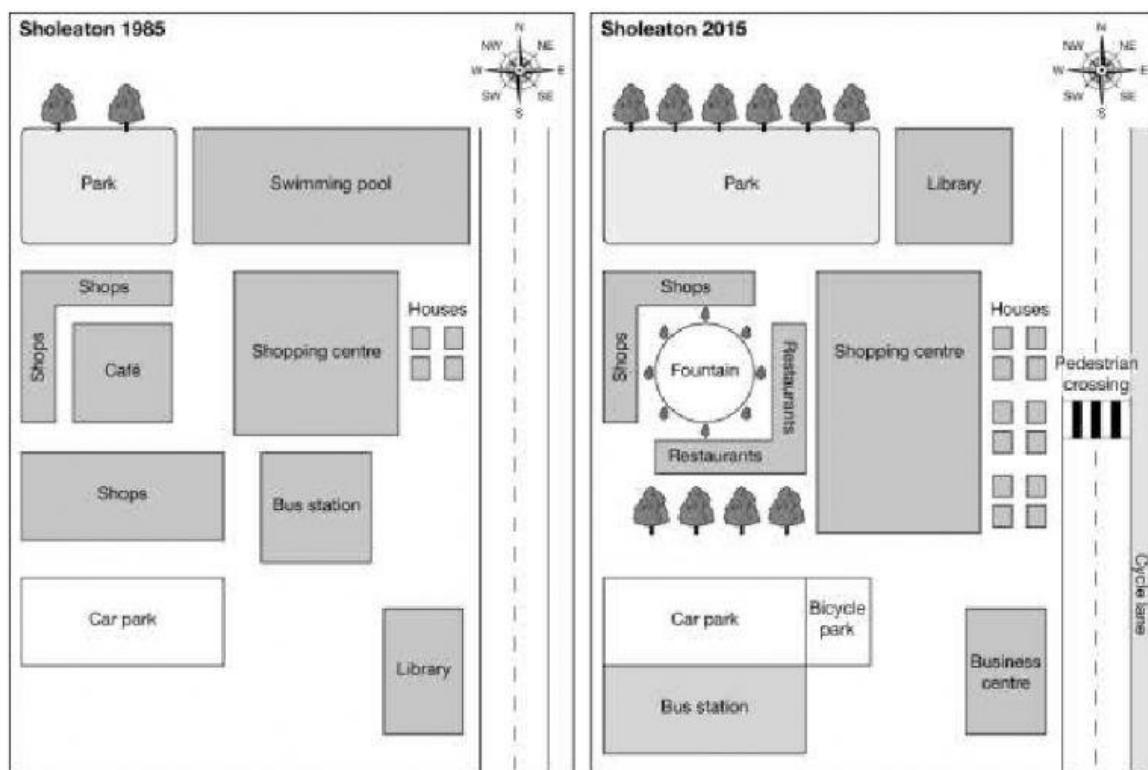


## Exercise 1

Read the information. Then look at the map. Do the statements accurately describe the map? Choose Yes or No.

The IELTS Writing Task 1 band descriptor for Task Achievement at Band 8 states: *presents, highlights and illustrates key features clearly and appropriately*. To achieve a high mark, it is extremely important that you study the map very carefully and ensure that the information you include in your writing is accurate and appropriate. Describing changes that do not appear in the map will result in the loss of marks for Task Achievement.



1. Sholeaton changed substantially between 1985 and 2015 and is now a better town for shopping.
  - Yes
  - No
2. The park was extended as a result of the swimming pool being demolished.
  - Yes
  - No

3. Sholeaton became a less visually attractive place, with fewer trees being planted.

- Yes
- No

4. The bus station was relocated to the south of Sholeaton, to make way for the expansion of the shopping centre.

- Yes
- No

5. Nothing has been done to improve the area for cyclists in and around the town.

- Yes
- No

6. It is possible that fewer people are living in the centre of Sholeaton, because there are now fewer houses between the shopping centre and the main road.

- Yes
- No

7. The town planners have improved facilities for visitors and local people in a number of ways, with the new pedestrian crossing a good example of this.

- Yes
- No

8. The café has been replaced by a fountain, arguably making the centre of Sholeaton a more pleasant place to visit.

- Yes
- No