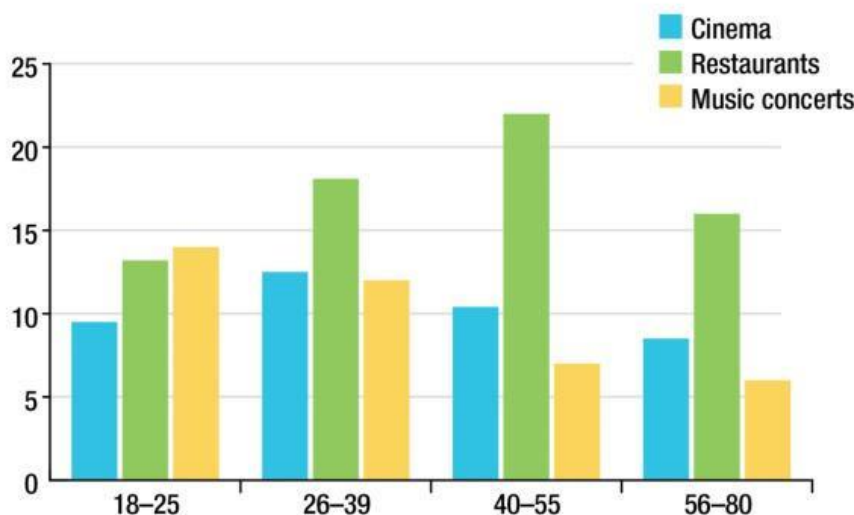


TASK 1.4 – PRACTICE

The bar chart compares the amount of money (in millions of dollars) that people in four different age groups from Seoul, South Korea, spent on going to the cinema, restaurants and music concerts in 2014.

1. **Read the information. Then read the sentences about the chart and match them with the correct main features. Use the words in the box.**

When you write a report on a graph or chart for IELTS Writing Task 1, you should try to describe the *main features*. This means writing about the most important pieces of information on the graph or chart. The *main features* could be the highest/lowest numbers, the biggest differences, and any similarities.



a similarity

a main difference

important numbers

1. The 26–39 age group spent the most money on going to the cinema while the 56–80s spent the least money. _____
2. The 40–55 and 56–80 age groups spent almost the same amount of money on music concerts, at about \$7 million. _____
3. Overall, the most amount of money was spent on going to restaurants (about \$67 million), compared with going to the cinema (about \$40 million) and music concerts (also about \$40 million). _____

2. **Choose the correct words to complete the student's report. Use the words in the box.**

18-25

40-55

amount

category

compared

highest

money

Spent

total

The bar chart shows how much South Koreans of different age groups spent on seeing movies, eating out and going to concerts in 2014.

Overall, the _____ amount of money was spent on going to restaurants (about \$67 million), _____ with going to the cinema (about \$40 million) and music concerts (also about \$40 million).

The _____ age group spent the most on going to restaurants at about \$22 million, while the _____ age group spent the least with only \$13 million. With a total _____ of approximately \$12 million, the 26–39 category had the highest spending on going to the cinema while the 56–80s spent the least _____, at around \$8 million.

PRACTICE ON LANGUAGE

1. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

By contrast, *Heart of Darkness* is very short.

By contrast, my sister always eats in restaurants.

In the same way, about 65% of singers can read it.

Similarly, my grandfather also skis every year.

whereas all the adults cried.

whereas the worst thing is that it's expensive.

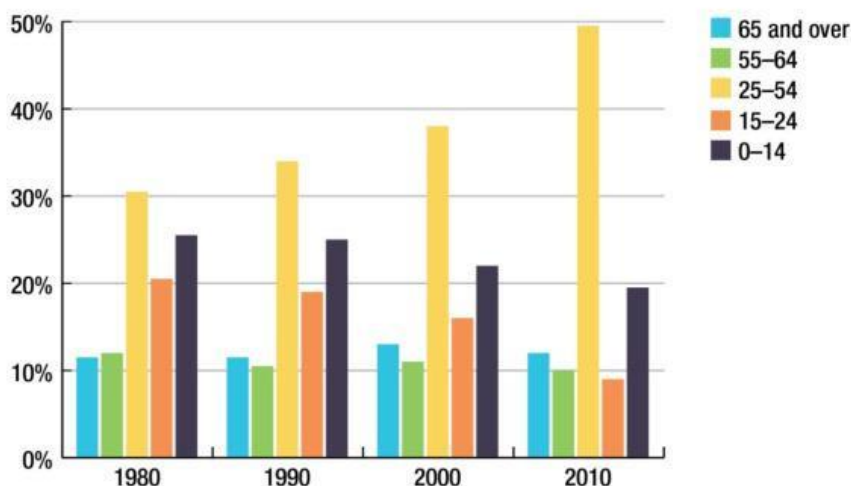
while 65% voted against.

while my least favourite are romantic comedies.

- 45% of yoga teachers voted in support _____
- My brother loves cooking. _____
- The best thing about horse riding is that it's fun _____
- My mother loves skiing. _____
- Two thirds of guitar players can read music. _____
- My favourite movies are action films _____
- All the children laughed _____
- War and Peace* is a very long book. _____

2. Choose the correct prepositions to complete the student's report.

The age of the population of Ireland between 1980 and 2010



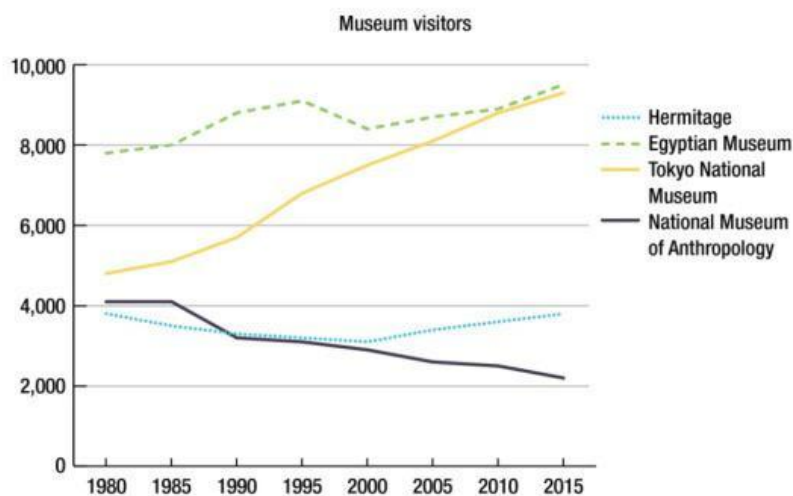
The bar chart compares the different ages of people living in Ireland between 1980 and 2010.

All in all, the size of the 25–54 age group increased the most _____ the period while the size of the two younger age groups decreased a little bit. The number of people _____ the two older age groups stayed about the same.

The 25–54 age group grew _____ approximately a third of the population in 1980 to nearly half of the population in 2010. By contrast, the 0–14 age group fell _____ just over 25% in 1980 _____ just under 20% in 2010. Similarly, the 15–24 age group dropped from just over 20% of the population in 1980 to just _____ 10% of the population in 2010.

The older two age groups did not increase or decrease much. The size of the 65 and over age group remained _____ about 12%, whereas the size of the 55–64 age group only fell _____ about 12% _____ about 10% of the population.

3. Look at the line graph. Then complete the statements with the phrases in the box.



between 1980 and 1985.

each had more than 9 million visitors in 2015.

from just over 4 million in 1980 to around 2 million in 2015.

from just under 4 million in 1980 to just over 3 million in 2000.

from just under 5 million in 1980 to around 9 million in 2015.

over the thirty-five year period.

with between approximately 8 and 9 million visitors each year.

with no more than 4 million visitors each year.

1. The Egyptian Museum was the most popular,

2. The number of visitors to the Hermitage stayed about the same

3. The Egyptian Museum and the Tokyo National Museum

4. The number of visitors to the Hermitage fell

5. The number of visitors to the National Museum of Anthropology stayed the same

6. The number of visitors to the Tokyo National Museum increased

7. The least popular were the Hermitage and the National Museum of Anthropology,

8. The visitors to the National Museum of Anthropology decreased slowly
