C. WRITING

Exercise 1. In IELTS Writing Task 1 you might be asked to write a report about a chart or graph. Match the descriptions with the charts and graphs.

This is a pie chart.	This is a line graph.	This is a bar chart.

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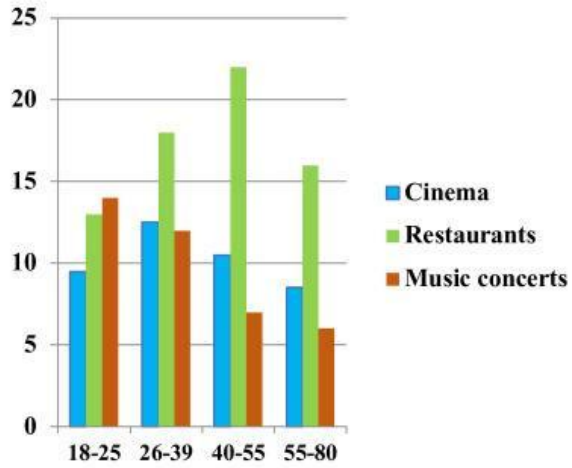

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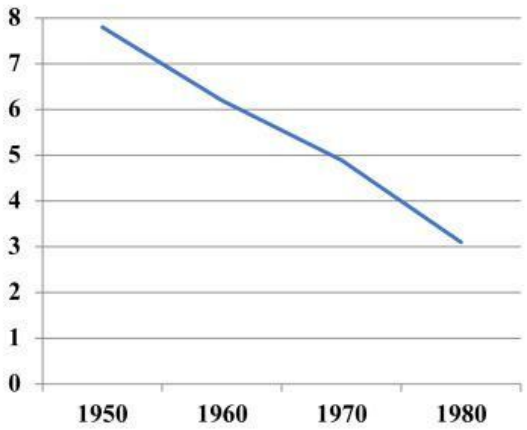

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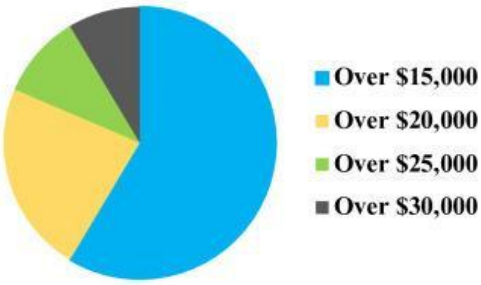

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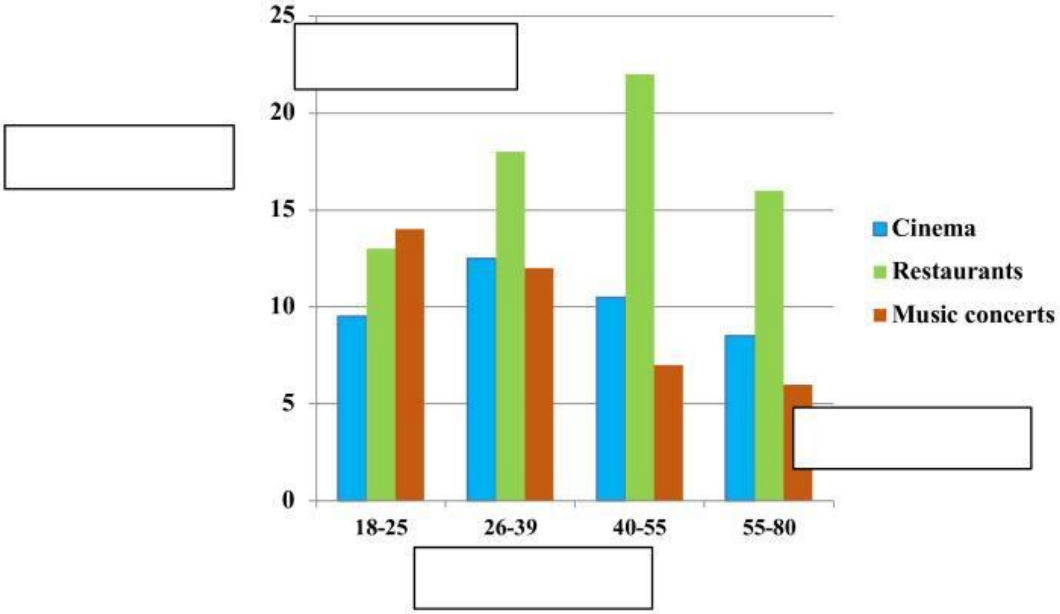
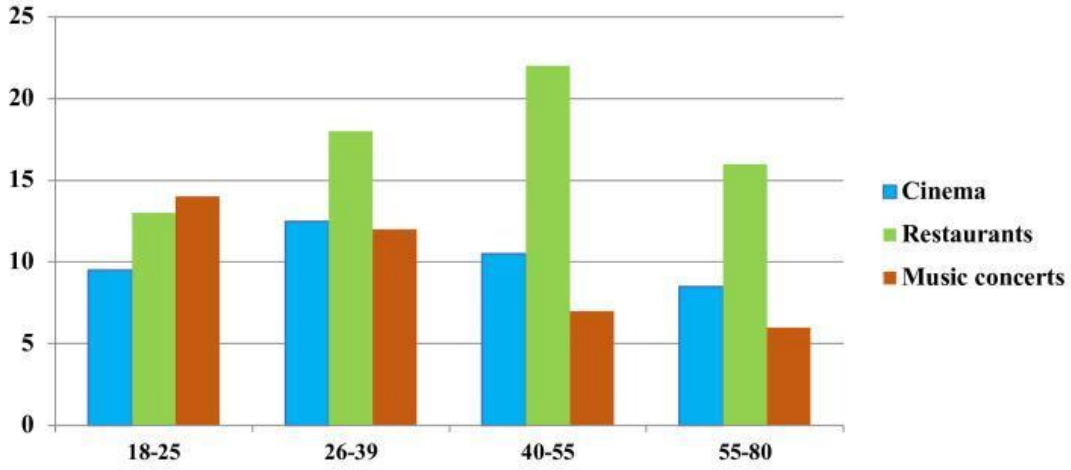
Exercise 2. The bar chart compares the amount of money (in millions of dollars) that people in four different age groups from Seoul, South Korea, spent on going to the cinema, restaurants and music concerts in 2014. Fill the gaps in the chart below with the correct words.



Exercise 3. 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.

Choose the correct answers to complete the statements.



1. The 26–39 age group spent less than the 40–55 age group on going to *the cinema./ restaurants./ music concerts.*

2. The 18–25 age group spent *less than the 26–39 age group/about $14 million/the same as the 56–80 age group* on going to music concerts.

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3. The 56–80 age group spent the least of their money on going to *the cinema./ restaurants./ music concerts*.

4. The 26–39 age group spent about the same on going to *the cinema and restaurants./ the cinema and music concerts./ restaurants and music concerts.*

5. The 40–55 age group spent *about $10 million/ over $20 million/ under $5 million* on going to the cinema

Exercise 4. 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).

_____

Exercise 5. Look at the bar chart again. 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.

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Exercise 6. The pie charts compare what male and female teenagers from Peru prefer to do in their free time. Look at the two charts. Choose the correct option to complete each statement.

Free time – Boys

Free time – Girls

Free time – Boys

Watching TV	→	15%
Using the internet	→	30%
Meeting friends	→	20%
Playing sport	→	25 %
Reading	→	10%

Free time - Girls

Watching TV	→	15%
Using the internet	→	30%
Meeting friends	→	20%
Playing sport	→	25 %
Reading	→	10%

1. The most popular activities are using the internet for boys and *meeting friends/playing sport/reading/using the internet/watching TV* for girls.
2. The least popular activities are *meeting friends/playing sport/reading/using the internet/watching TV* for boys and playing sport for girls.
3. Girls and boys in Peru liked *meeting friends/playing sport/reading/using the internet/watching TV* about the same with 20% for girls and 5% less for boys.
4. The biggest difference was playing sport: *20% fewer/ 35% fewer* girls preferred playing sport than boys.
5. Girls liked *meeting friends/playing sport/reading/using the internet/watching TV* 15% more than boys.

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Exercise 7. Some words or phrases can help you compare or add information in IELTS Writing Task 1. Look at the charts again. Then read the student's report and look at the words in bold. Complete the statements.

It is clear that the most popular activity for boys was using the internet **while** for girls it was meeting friends. **By contrast**, the least favorite activity for boys was reading with only 10%. **Similarly**, the least favorite activity for girls was playing sport, **also** with a low percentage of 5%.

Using the internet was the favorite hobby for just under a third of boys **whereas** meeting friends was the favorite for more than a third of girls. Reading was not very popular with either boys or girls. 10% of the boys preferred to read and only 5% more of the girls.

Girls and boys in Peru liked watching TV about the same. 20% of girls preferred watching TV and, **in the same way**, 15% of boys. The biggest difference was playing sport. 20% fewer girls than boys preferred it.

1. Words and phrases used for comparing information:

... while ... ...whereas ... By contrast ... ... but ... However ...

2. Words or phrases used for adding information:

Similarly ... ... also... in the same way... ...and...

Exercise 8. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

By contrast, Heart of Darkness is very short.	Similarly, my grandfather also skis every year.
By contrast, my sister always eats in restaurants.	whereas the worst thing is that it's expensive.
In the same way, about 65% of singers can read it.	while my least favorite are romantic comedies.

whereas all the adults cried.
while 65% voted against.

1. 45% of yoga teachers voted in support _____
2. My brother loves cooking. _____
3. The best thing about horse riding is that it's fun _____
4. My mother loves skiing. _____
5. Two thirds of guitar players can read music. _____
6. My favorite movies are action films _____
7. All the children laughed _____
8. *War and Peace* is a very long book. _____

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Exercise 9. Put the words in the correct order to complete the sentences.

1.	25% voted against music teachers 65% of while voted in support .
2.	loves swimming. My mother my father hates it By contrast, .
3.	whereas is that it's cold is that it's exciting about skiing The best thing the worst thing .
4.	Similarly, a good cook my grandmother My sister loves cooking. is also .
5.	owners don't like cats. about 30% In the same way, of cat owners One third of dog don't like dogs .

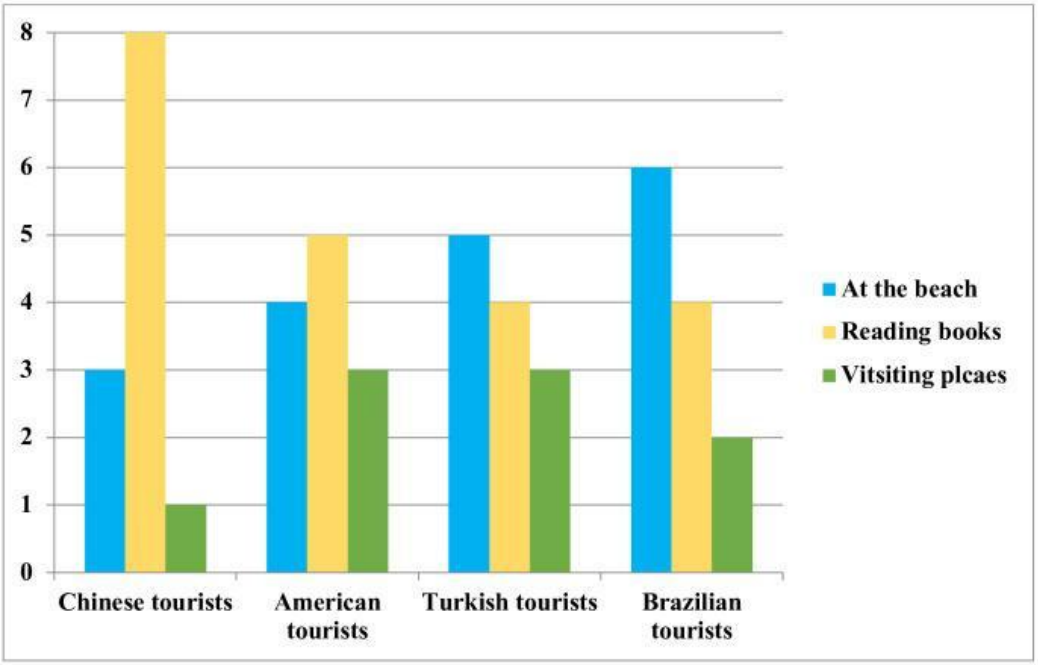
Exercise 10. WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart shows the average number of hours each day that Chinese, American, Turkish and Brazilian tourists spent doing leisure activities while on holiday in Greece in August 2015.

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

Holiday leisure activities



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