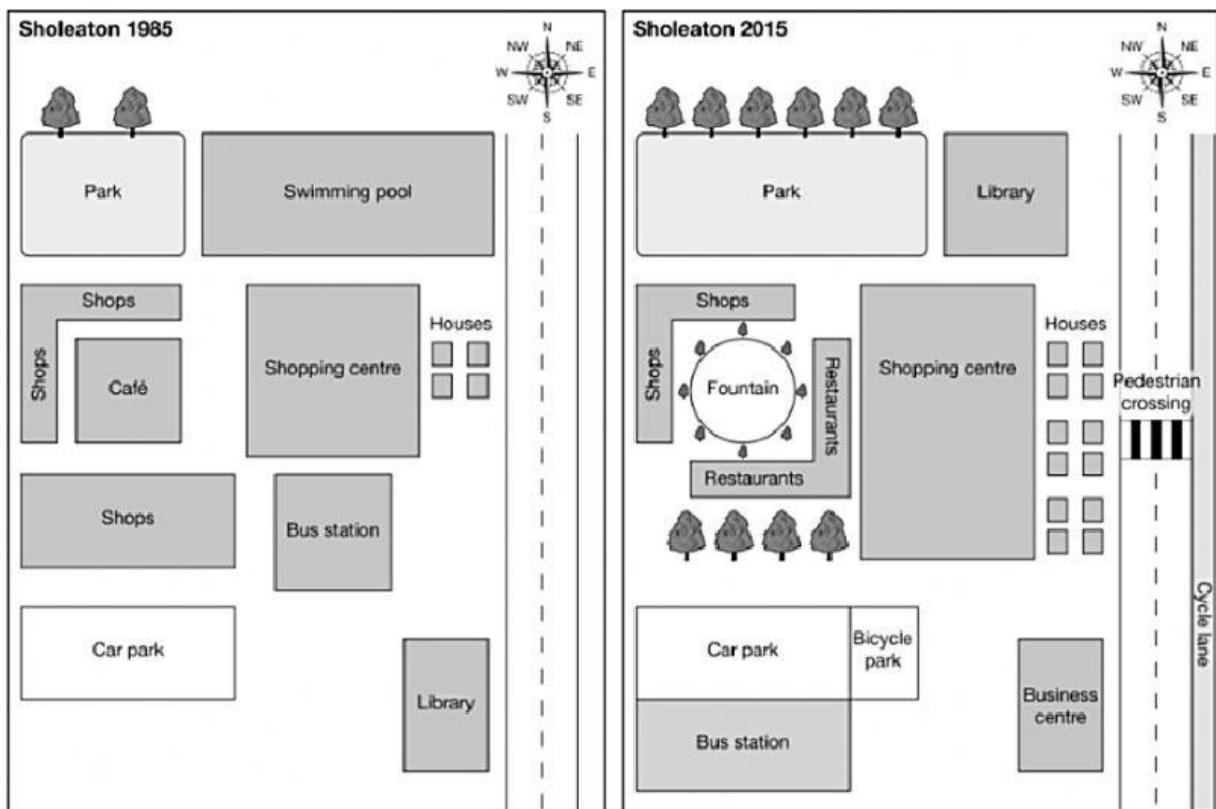


## B. WRITING

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8 The café has been replaced by a fountain, arguably making the centre of Sholeaton a more pleasant place to visit.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

**Exercise 2: Complete the table with the words in the box.**

alter	modernise	refurbish	flatten	convert	put up	relocate
enlarge	develop	extend	construct	renovate	erect	demolish
knock down	tear down					
<b>build</b>		<b>change</b>			<b>remove</b>	

**Exercise 3: Match the more extended and better developed sentences in the box with the simple sentences.**

A few new houses were constructed in the eastern part of the town.

Sholeaton's library was relocated and the old building was converted into a business centre.

Sholeaton's swimming pool was replaced during the expansion of the park.

The café was flattened and a fountain was erected in its place.

The old bus station was demolished and rebuilt behind the town's car park.

The old car park was extended to include a new space for bicycle parking.

The old shopping centre was enlarged to take the **place** of the former bus station.

The shops around the former café were refurbished, and new restaurants were built opposite.

- 1 There was a swimming pool, but now the park is bigger.

- 2 The shopping centre was changed and it became larger.

- 3 The bus station was then put behind the car park.

- 4 A bicycle parking area was added to the car park.

- 5 Sholeaton now has a new business centre in place of the library.

- 6 Some houses were built and now there are more.

- 7 A water fountain replaced the café in the west.

- 8 The shops around the café were changed, and some restaurants opened.

**Exercise 4:** Read the information. Then choose the sentences that would receive higher marks for coherence.



**Coherence** is the way in which a text is organised and how effectively it communicates information to the reader. Coherent and logical sequencing of information and ideas will gain a higher mark. For example:

*Many changes took place in Sholeaton between 1985 and 2015. The pool was demolished. The park was made bigger. Meanwhile, the library was moved to the pool's former location. (The only cohesive device used in this sentence – *meanwhile* – is illogical.)*

*Sholeaton changed quite dramatically in the period shown. Most notably, its swimming pool was demolished to make way for the extension of the park, in addition to the erection of a new library. (Here, cohesive devices – *most notably*, *in addition to* – are used effectively.)*

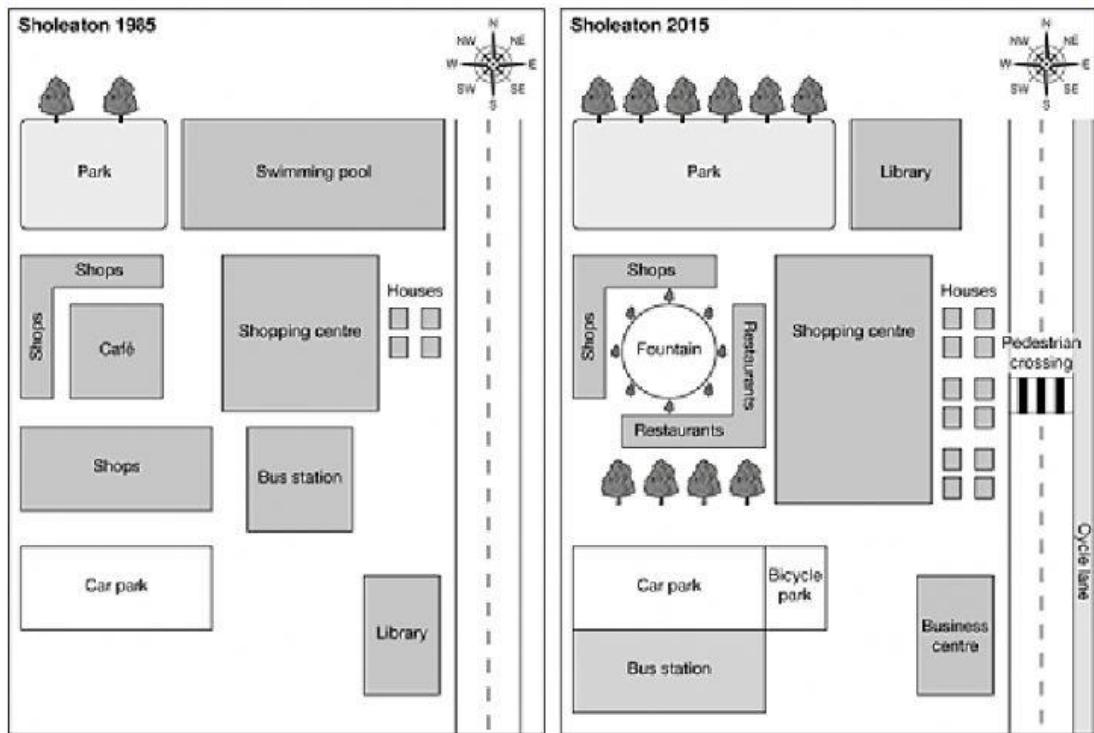
- 1  In the beginning, it can be said that many changes took place in Sholeaton between 1985 and 2015.
- The maps illustrate how Sholeaton has developed over the period 1985 to 2015.
- 2  Previously, a swimming pool was located next to the park, but it has been demolished and the green area of the park has been extended.
- The most striking feature is that the park was extended and has replaced the swimming pool in the north of the town.
- 3  A further noticeable feature is the removal of the café to make way for a new fountain in the shopping area in the west of Sholeaton.
- Following on from this, the café was converted into a fountain in the shopping area of the town.
- 4  A further development in this area of the town was the planting of trees around the new fountain.
- In the meantime, a few trees were planted around the fountain.
- 5  On the other hand, in 1985 the shopping centre was small but now it has taken over the bus station.
- On the west side of the town, the bus station was replaced by an enlarged shopping centre.

**Exercise 5:** Read the information. Then choose the most relevant and logically extended and supported endings for the sentences.



Examiners look for a clear central topic in each paragraph with relevant, logically extended and supported ideas. For example:

*The road to the east of Sholeaton was widened, and a cycle lane and a pedestrian crossing were added, making the town more accessible.*



- 1 Between 1985 and 2015, Sholeaton went through some substantial changes,
  - including the loss of its swimming pool, because people prefer walking to swimming.
  - including the extension of the park area to replace the swimming pool.
- 2 The café in the shopping area to the west of Sholeaton was flattened and replaced by a fountain,
  - and this in turn resulted in more trees being planted in the area to make it look greener.
  - which meant that more restaurants were built to accommodate the increase in people visiting Sholeaton.
- 3 In the east of Sholeaton, the bus station was torn down and replaced by a new shopping centre that
  - was an extension of the old one.
  - was given the lovely name Bluebell.

4 A cycle lane was introduced to the east of Sholeaton, along with a new bicycle park, which

- are two good examples of ways in which the area became more cycle-friendly.
- resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of people cycling to and from Sholeaton.

5 A pedestrian crossing was installed across the main road to the east of the town,

- giving pedestrians better access to the park.
- allowing pedestrians to cross the road more safely.

6 In contrast, the L-shaped shopping area to the west of the town was not altered in any way,

- and neither was the car park to the southwest of the town.
- in addition to the number of parking spaces available.

**Exercise 6:** Complete the table with the words and phrases in the box.

in the final analysis	in short	besides	all in all	what's more
furthermore	nonetheless	however	nevertheless	in addition
in spite of this	to sum up	on the other hand	in conclusion	moreover

adding a similar point	contrasting	summarising

**Exercise 7:** Choose the most logical sentences that develop the ideas in the first sentences.

1 One of the most striking features is that the swimming pool was replaced by an extension to the park.

- Besides, most people would agree that the park is far better.
- Moreover, extra trees were planted and the library was relocated to next to the newly enlarged park.

2 The shopping centre in the middle of Sholeaton was extended and the bus station was knocked down.

- However, a new bus station was built to the south of the town.
- In spite of this, a new public transport hub was constructed.

3 The number of houses trebled in Sholeaton in 2015.

- However, this change was not too dramatic.
- Nevertheless, this did not affect the size of the town too much.

4 The old library was modernised and converted into a business centre.

- Nevertheless, a new library was constructed next to the park.
- In addition, the new library changed location and it moved to the north.

5 Although the demolition of the café reduced eating options in the west of the town, some new restaurants were established in the shopping centre to the east of the town.

- Besides, extra trees were planted in the west, making the area a greener place.
- In any case, newly planted trees help make the place look good.

6 Overall, Sholeaton underwent many changes during the period 1985 to 2015.

- In conclusion, it's a marvellous place to live, there is a lot to do and anybody would like to live here.
- In short, although the town has expanded its facilities, it has also added some natural features.

**Exercise 8: Read the information. Then read the summary paragraphs. Do they present the main changes in the maps? Choose Yes or No.**

The IELTS Writing Task 1 band descriptor for Task Achievement at Band 7 states: *presents a clear overview of main trends, differences or stages.*

1 In conclusion, Sholeaton changed very much over the period and it now has a better shopping area with a few more trees and restaurants. The park is also much larger.

- Yes
- No

2 To sum up, Sholeaton is much more accessible and pleasant. There is now a cycle lane and a new bus station near the car park, which has had bicycle parking added to it. Furthermore, the park has been extended and the library has been relocated next to it.

- Yes
- No

3 All in all, the experience of visiting Sholeaton has been improved by the enlargement of one of its shopping centres, the extension of its park and the addition of new facilities for cyclists and public transport users.

Yes  No

4 In short, Sholeaton is better for shopping and good for people who like to cycle and read because it has a new shopping centre, bicycle parking and a library.

Yes  No

**Exercise 9: Read the model answer. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.**

The two maps illustrate the changes that took place in Sholeaton town centre between the years 1985 and 2015.

Firstly, Sholeaton's swimming pool replaced / was replaced by the expansion of the park. Furthermore, the town's library was relocated and the old building had been refurbished / was refurbished and made into a business centre. In addition, the café to the west of the town was flattened and a fountain was put up in its place. Moreover, some of the shops surrounding the former café were renovated, and some new restaurants are erecting / were erected. The old shopping centre was enlarged to take the place of the former bus station, which is being knocked down / was knocked down. Nevertheless, a new bus station was built behind the town's car park, which was altered to include a new bicycle parking area. The number of houses tripled / had been tripled as eight more were erected in the eastern part of the town. Finally, the road next to these houses was improved / were improved, a pedestrian crossing was added, and a cycle lane was built to improve access for both cyclists and walkers.

To sum up, Sholeaton, has gone / went through a lot of changes between 1985 and 2015. The number of houses in the area increased / was increased, but so did the number of facilities and amenities available to local residents and visitors to the town.

### Exercise 10: WRITING TASK 1

### **You should spend 20 minutes on this task**

*The maps below show the changes that took place at a science and technology museum between 1996 and 2016.*

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

**Write at least 150 words.**

