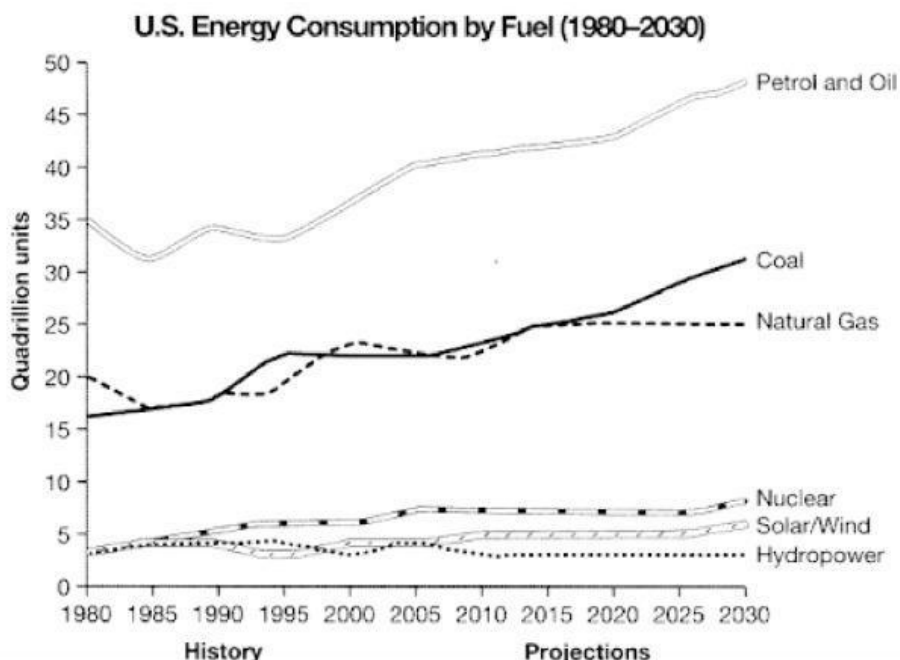


IELTS Writing task 1

The graph below gives information from a 2008 report about consumption of energy in the USA since 1980 with projections until 2030. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.

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The given line graphs illustrates data from a report in 2008 regarding energy consumption in the USA since 1980 with predictions until 2030.

Overall, **fossil fuels have shown (1)** _____ in consumption since the start of the period, with expectations for even more reliance on these fuel sources. **Cleaner energy sources** have (2) _____ considerably less consumption with predictions for a similar trend.

Regarding **fossil fuels** such as coal, natural gas, petrol and oil, they **have seen (3)** _____ **increases in** energy consumption since 1980. Petrol and oil started at 35 quadrillion units in 1980, then (4) _____ until 2000, at which point they **rose (5)** _____ with a prediction of over 45 quadrillion units by 2030. Additionally, coal (5) _____ **a similar rising trend. It is predicted that it will have surpassed 30** quadrillion units (6) _____ 2030. Natural gas usage and it **is set to level off** at around 24 quadrillion units from 2020 (7) _____.

(8) _____, **cleaner energy fuel sources** all began the period at under 5 quadrillion units and **showed (9)** _____ in their use, with the exception of nuclear, which (10) _____ **slightly to 6** quadrillion units in 2005 with solar/wind expecting to see **slight increases**. Hydropower is projected to remain relatively (11) _____ until 2030.