

1 Writing Task One

Sample Answer

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The line graphs illustrate that the amount of visitors who come from UK and foreign countries and they spent the days to stay UK during the period 1982 and 2002.

General speaking, the trends of visiting UK were revealed a increase in both UK residents and overseas residents from 1982 to 2002.

The figure of overseas visitors went up steadily as the number 10 million to roughly 20 million during the years 1982 and 2002 and the trend of foreign residents who chose stay in UK was a gradual fall as the figure approximately 12 to 9 nights since 1982 to 2002. Meanwhile, there was a dramatic increase in UK residents as the number 20 million in 1982 to nearly 60 millions in 2002. In addition, the trend decrease steadily of UK residents who stay in UK for nights as around 13 nights to 12 nights between 1982 to 2002.

Those evidences show that all residents prefer to visit UK as the trend were an increase. However, it become unpopular to stay in UK for nights from 1982 to 2002.

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Commentary

Task Achievement

The main trends are appropriately selected and reported, and supporting figures are described more or less accurately. Although the total length is comfortably within limits at 180 words, the concluding paragraph simply repeats information, so is arguably redundant.

However, the weakest feature is that information about UK residents is described inaccurately. For example, the writer states that *there was a dramatic increase in UK residents*, and that *the trend decrease steadily of UK residents who stay in UK for nights*. It is not clear whether the writer has misunderstood the data, or simply failed to report it accurately, therefore the reader would definitely misunderstand the nature of the information.

Coherence and Cohesion

The response is clearly organised and set out, with an introduction, a general overview, and then a more detailed analysis. A conclusion is also provided, though this is rather less effective than it might have been, because it does little more than repeat information contained earlier.

Paragraphing is appropriate, and a very good attempt has been made at using discourse markers to signal connections between ideas, for example, *General speaking* (for *generally speaking*), *Meanwhile* and *Those evidences ...* (for *This evidence*). Occasionally the writer uses a marker that is not the most appropriate one, for example, *In addition*, but overall the organisation and signposting is very helpful for the reader.

Lexical Resource

The range of vocabulary at the writer's disposal is good, and there is little evidence of a need to paraphrase. Adjectives and adverbs are put to particularly good use, for example, *gradual*, *dramatic*, *steadily* and *approximately*. Spelling is also mainly accurate, and only rarely causes difficulty for the reader, as with *praphes* and *forieng*.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

Grammatical control is the weakest aspect of this answer. The writer makes a commendable attempt at complex structures, and the overall impression is one of fluency. Control of punctuation is also very good. However, in several places the reader may experience difficulty in comprehension, for example, *the trend decrease steadily of UK residents who stay in UK for nights as around 13 nights to 12 nights or the trends of visiting UK were revealed a increase*.

Marks

This answer would probably receive a **Band 5**.