

IELTS Academic

Writing Module — Academic Version

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Do not open** this question paper until you are told to do so.
- Write your **name** and **candidate number** in the spaces at the top of this page.
- All answers must be written in the answer booklet provided. **Do not write** in the margins.
- This paper contains **two tasks**. You must complete **both** tasks.
- **Task 1** requires at least **150 words**. **Task 2** requires at least **250 words**.
- The total time allowed is **60 minutes**. It is recommended to spend **20 minutes** on Task 1 and **40 minutes** on Task 2.
- Task 2 carries **twice** as many marks as Task 1.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Task Achievement / Response	25%
Coherence and Cohesion	25%
Lexical Resource	25%
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	25%

BAND SCORE DESCRIPTORS (Writing)

Band 9	Expert user - rare and sophisticated	Band 6	Competent user - some inaccuracies
Band 8	Very good user - occasional errors	Band 5	Modest user - frequent problems

Band 7	Good user - occasional mistakes	Band 4	Limited user - basic communication only
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WRITING TASK 1

Data Report — Bar Chart

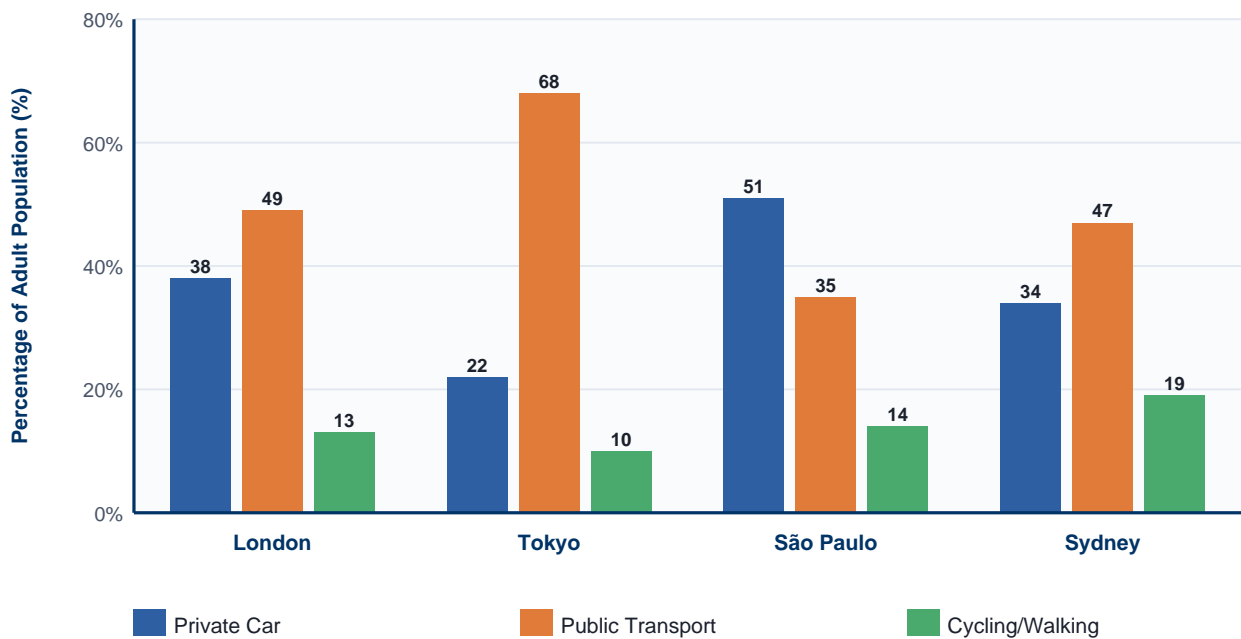
Recommended: 20 minutes \ Minimum: 150 words

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The bar chart below shows the percentage of adults in four major cities who use three different modes of transport — private car, public transport, and cycling or walking — as their primary means of commuting to work.

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

Primary Mode of Transport for Commuting to Work — Selected Cities (2023)



Source: Urban Mobility Survey, International Transport Forum (2023)

KEY DATA POINTS

Tokyo: Public transport dominant (68%) · São Paulo: Highest car use (51%) · Sydney: Highest active travel (19%) · London: Most balanced distribution

WRITING TASK 2

Discursive Essay

■ Recommended: 40 minutes \ Minimum: 250 words

You should spend about **40 minutes** on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In many countries, the gap between those who live in cities and those who live in rural areas is widening. Urban residents typically enjoy greater access to employment, healthcare, and education, whilst rural communities face increasing deprivation and outward migration of younger generations.

Some argue that governments should prioritise investment in rural infrastructure and services to address this imbalance. Others believe that economic forces are the primary driver of urbanisation and that government intervention is largely ineffective.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

PLANNING GUIDANCE

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should structure your response with a clear **introduction**, **body paragraphs** addressing both perspectives, and a **conclusion** that states your personal view. Avoid listing points without development — examiners reward depth of argument over breadth.

TASK 2 — ANSWER SHEET

Write your answer in the space below. Continue on the additional sheet if required.

