

IELTS Academic

Writing Module — Academic Version • Practice Paper 01

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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 usage	Band 6	Competent user some inaccuracies in complex language
Band 8	Very good user occasional unsystematic errors	Band 5	Modest user frequent problems with accuracy
Band 7	Good user occasional mistakes, handles complex ideas	Band 4	Limited user basic communication only, many errors

WRITING TASK 1

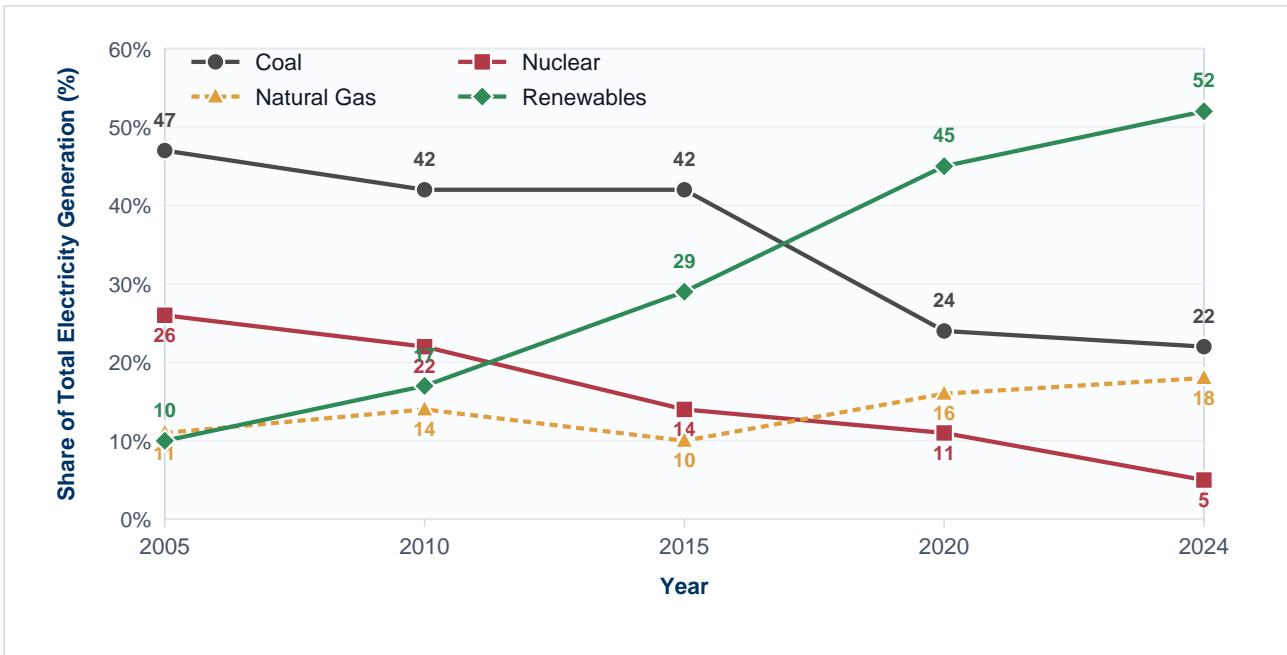
Data Report — Line Graph ■ Recommended: 20 minutes \ Minimum: 150 words

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The line graph below shows changes in the share of electricity generation from four different sources — coal, nuclear, natural gas, and renewables — in Germany between 2005 and 2024.

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

Share of Electricity Generation by Source — Germany, 2005–2024



Source: Federal Statistical Office of Germany, Energy Balance Report (2024)

KEY DATA POINTS

Renewables: more than quintupled (10% → 52%) • Nuclear: fell from 26% to just 5% • Coal: declined sharply after 2015 • Natural gas: relatively stable throughout

TASK 1 — ANSWER SHEET

Write your answer in the space below. *An answer written in this space will be marked.*

TASK 1 ■ Begin your answer here:

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Examiner's Word Count:
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Examiner Initials:
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WRITING TASK 2

Opinion Essay ■ Recommended: 40 minutes \ Minimum: 250 words

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In many developed countries, a growing share of public research funding is being directed towards science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), whilst the arts and humanities receive diminishing support. Some argue that this shift is justified, as STEM disciplines contribute more directly to economic growth and technological progress, whereas others contend that the arts and humanities are essential to a thoughtful, creative, and cohesive society, and deserve comparable investment.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this view?

PLANNING GUIDANCE

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. State your position clearly in the introduction and maintain it consistently throughout. Develop each main idea with explanation, evidence, and — where appropriate — a concrete example. A partial agreement (agreeing on some points but not others) is a legitimate and often sophisticated response, provided the balance is made explicit. Examiners reward depth of argument and cohesion over breadth of points listed.

TASK 2 — ANSWER SHEET

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

