

# IELTS Academic

Writing Module — Academic Version • Practice Paper 02

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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)

<b>Band 9</b> <b>Expert user</b> rare and sophisticated usage	<b>Band 6</b> <b>Competent user</b> some inaccuracies in complex language
<b>Band 8</b> <b>Very good user</b> occasional unsystematic errors	<b>Band 5</b> <b>Modest user</b> frequent problems with accuracy
<b>Band 7</b> <b>Good user</b> occasional mistakes, handles complex ideas	<b>Band 4</b> <b>Limited user</b> basic communication only, many errors

# WRITING TASK 1

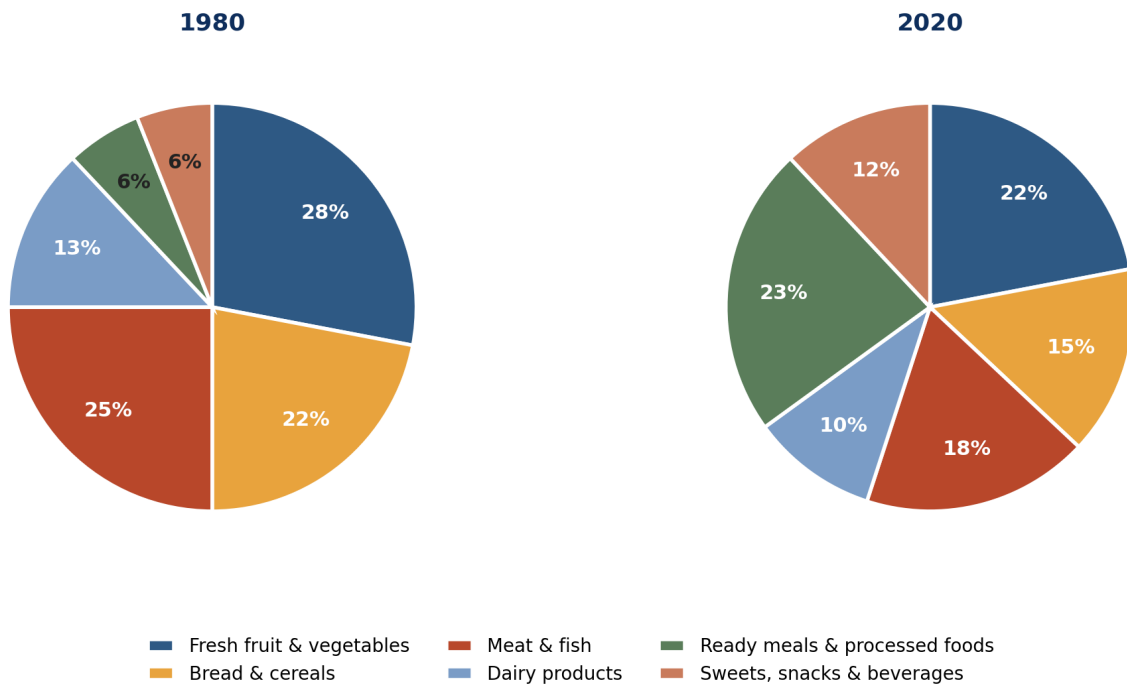
Data Report — Pie Charts ■ Recommended: 20 minutes ✎ Minimum: 150 words

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The pie charts below show the proportions of different types of food consumed by an average household in the United Kingdom in 1980 and 2020.

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

## Composition of Average Household Food Consumption — United Kingdom (1980 vs 2020)



Source: Office for National Statistics, Family Food Survey (compiled 2022)

**KEY DATA POINTS** Ready meals & processed foods: nearly fourfold rise (6% → 23%) · Fresh fruit & vegetables: declined from 28% to 22% · Meat & fish: fell by 7 percentage points · Sweets, snacks & beverages: doubled (6% → 12%)

# TASK 1 — ANSWER SHEET

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

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# WRITING TASK 2

Problem & Solution Essay ■ Recommended: 40 minutes ✎ Minimum: 250 words

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

Write about the following topic:

In many parts of the world, people are living significantly longer than in previous generations, and the proportion of citizens aged over 65 is rising rapidly. Whilst this trend reflects considerable advances in medicine and standards of living, it also presents substantial challenges for governments, employers, and families.

**What problems does this demographic shift cause, and what measures could be taken to address them?**

## PLANNING GUIDANCE

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Address **both** parts of the question with comparable depth — an essay that covers problems thoroughly but treats solutions only briefly (or vice versa) will be penalised under Task Response. Develop each main idea with explanation, evidence, and — where appropriate — a concrete example. A clear introduction and a conclusion that summarises your key points are expected. Examiners reward depth of argument and coherent paragraphing over breadth of points listed.

## TASK 2 — ANSWER SHEET

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

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