

IELTS Academic

Writing Module — Academic Version • Practice Paper 04

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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

Map — Comparison Over Time ■ Recommended: 20 minutes ✎ Minimum: 150 words

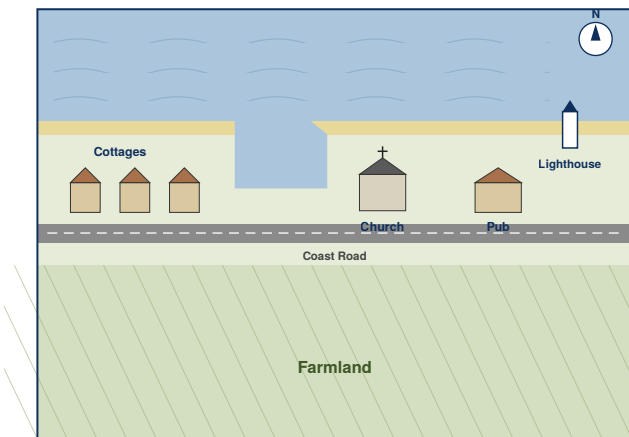
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The two maps below show the small coastal town of **Brookhaven Bay** as it was in **1995** and as it appears today, in **2025**, following several decades of redevelopment.

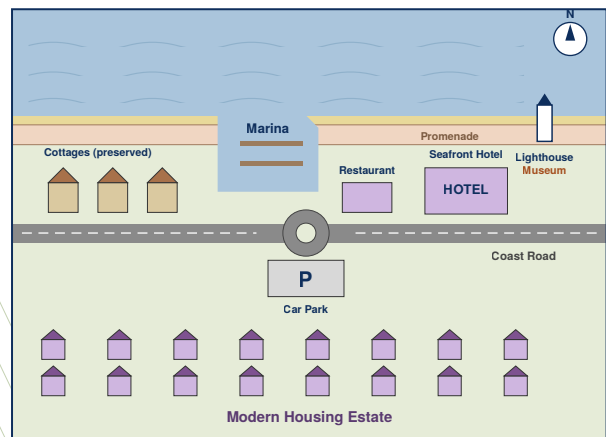
Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Brookhaven Bay — Land Use and Development, 1995 vs 2025

Brookhaven Bay — 1995



Brookhaven Bay — 2025



Source: adapted from local council planning records.

KEY CHANGES TO NOTE The original harbour has been expanded into a marina · The lighthouse has been converted into a museum · A pedestrianised promenade and a roundabout have been added · The pub has been replaced by a hotel; a restaurant and car park are new · Farmland to the south has given way to a modern housing estate · The original cottages on the western edge have been preserved

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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WRITING TASK 2

Two-part Question Essay ■ Recommended: 40 minutes ✎ Minimum: 250 words

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

International tourism has expanded dramatically over the past few decades. People now travel abroad for holidays, sightseeing, and short breaks in numbers that would have been unimaginable to previous generations, and many destinations have come to depend heavily on visitors from overseas.

Why has international tourism grown so rapidly, and is this development a positive or negative one overall?

PLANNING GUIDANCE

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. This question has **two distinct parts**: the causes of the trend and an evaluation of whether it is positive or negative. Both parts must be addressed with comparable depth — an essay that explains causes thoroughly but only gestures at evaluation (or vice versa) will be penalised under Task Response. Take a clear position in the second part rather than sitting on the fence; a reasoned, qualified judgement is preferred to a non-committal one. A clear introduction and a conclusion that consolidates your overall view are expected.

TASK 2 — ANSWER SHEET

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

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