

IELTS Academic

Writing Module — Academic Version • Practice Paper 06

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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

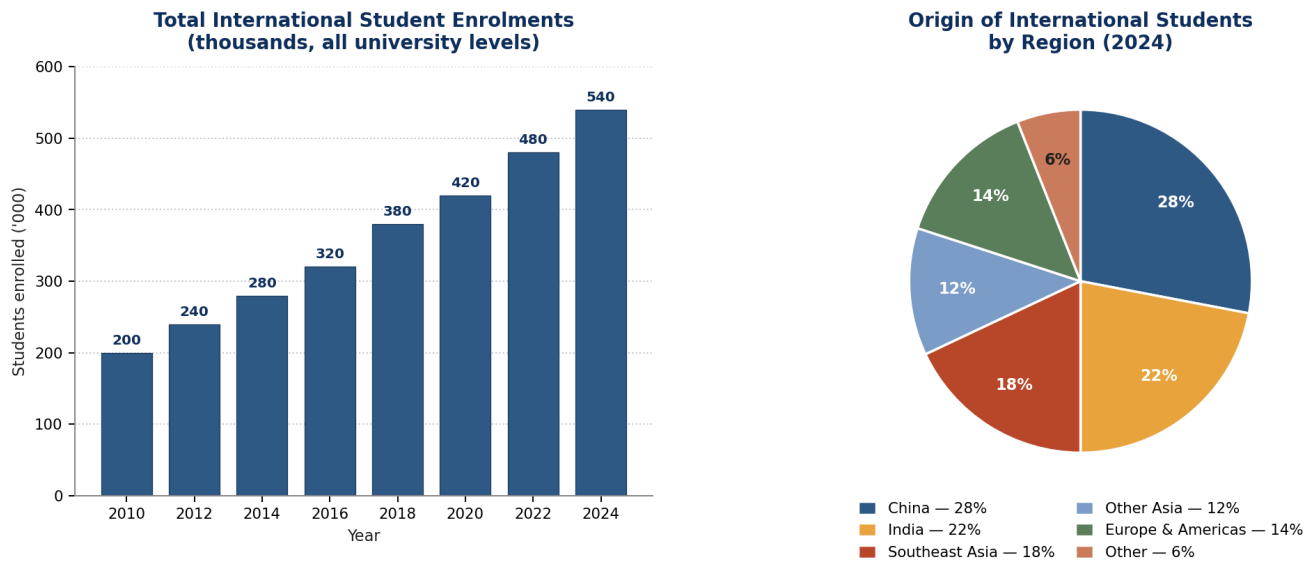
Multiple Charts — Bar & Pie ■ Recommended: 20 minutes ✎ Minimum: 150 words

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The bar chart shows the total number of international students enrolled at universities in **Australia** between **2010 and 2024**. The pie chart shows the breakdown of international students by region of origin in **2024**.

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

International Student Enrolments at Australian Universities



Source: Department of Education, Australia — International Education Statistics (2024 release).

KEY FEATURES TO DESCRIBE Enrolments rose steadily from 200,000 to 540,000 over the period — a near-threefold increase · The largest growth occurred between 2018 and 2024 · In 2024, students from China and India together accounted for half of all enrolments · Asian students collectively represented 80% of the cohort

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

Causes & Effects Essay ■ Recommended: 40 minutes ✎ Minimum: 250 words

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In recent years, the so-called 'fast fashion' industry — clothing produced cheaply and rapidly to follow short-lived trends — has expanded enormously, particularly through online retailers. Although such garments are inexpensive and widely accessible, environmental campaigners and labour organisations have raised significant concerns about the way they are produced and consumed.

What are the main causes of this trend, and what effects is it having on society and the environment?

PLANNING GUIDANCE

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Both halves of the question must be addressed with comparable depth: the **causes** (why has fast fashion grown?) and the **effects** (what consequences does it have?). An essay that diagnoses causes thoroughly but treats effects only briefly — or vice versa — will be penalised under Task Response. Develop each main idea with explanation, evidence, and where possible a concrete example. A clear introduction that paraphrases the prompt and a conclusion that summarises your main points are expected. Examiners reward analytical depth and coherent paragraphing over the sheer number 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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