

# IELTS Academic

Writing Module — Academic Version • Practice Paper 11

**SPECIAL EDITION — Energy & Environment**

**About this edition.** Paper 11 is a thematically linked test in which both Task 1 and Task 2 address aspects of the global energy transition. The data report concerns the present-day energy mix of five major economies; the essay considers the prospects for the shift to electric vehicles. Candidates should treat the two tasks as independent — do not draw factual claims for Task 2 from the figures supplied in Task 1.

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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	<b>25%</b>
Coherence and Cohesion	<b>25%</b>
Lexical Resource	<b>25%</b>
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	<b>25%</b>

## BAND SCORE DESCRIPTORS (Writing)

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

# WRITING TASK 1

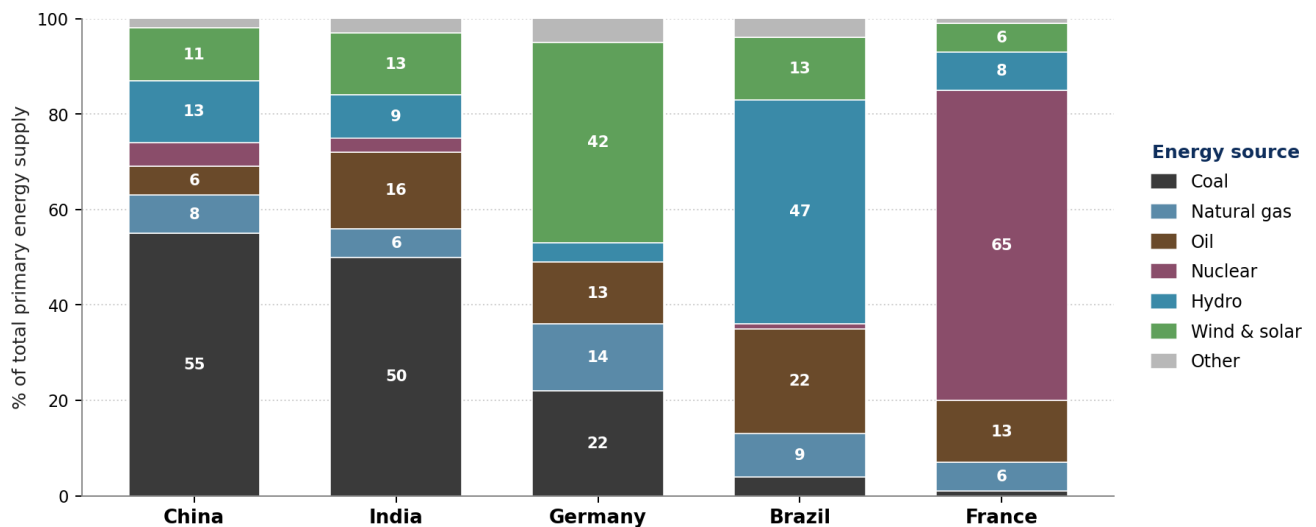
Stacked Bar Chart — Composition Comparison ■ Recommended: 20 minutes ✎ Minimum: 150 words

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows how the total primary energy supply of **five major economies** — China, India, Germany, Brazil, and France — was made up of different sources in **2024**. The figures are expressed as percentages of each country's total energy use, so each bar adds up to one hundred per cent.

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

**Primary Energy Supply by Source — Five Economies, 2024**



Source: adapted from data published by the International Energy Agency (IEA), 2024 release.

**KEY FEATURES TO DESCRIBE** Coal accounts for over half of the energy supply in China and India, but is almost negligible in France · Germany leads on wind & solar at 42% — far more than any other country shown · Brazil's energy mix is dominated by hydropower (47%), reflecting its geography · France stands out for its heavy reliance on nuclear (65%) and minimal use of coal · Each country's profile is distinctive, suggesting that no single national pattern is typical

# TASK 1 — ANSWER SHEET

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## WRITING TASK 2

Two-part Question — Inevitability & Desirability ■ Recommended: 40 minutes ✎ Minimum: 250 words

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

Write about the following topic:

Over the past decade, sales of electric vehicles have risen sharply, and several major economies have set targets to phase out the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by around 2035. Some commentators describe this transition as both inevitable and desirable, whilst others raise concerns about its costs, its dependence on critical minerals, its impact on existing industries, and the burden it may place on consumers and developing countries.

**Is this transition inevitable, and is it desirable?**

### PLANNING GUIDANCE

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. The two questions are **distinct** and must both be addressed: *inevitability* asks whether the transition will in fact happen regardless of preference (a predictive judgement), whilst *desirability* asks whether it ought to happen (a normative judgement). It is entirely possible to argue, for example, that the shift is inevitable but undesirable, or desirable but not yet inevitable. A response that conflates the two questions, or treats only one, will be penalised under Task Response. State your view on each part clearly in the introduction; develop each with evidence and qualified reasoning; and synthesise both judgements in your conclusion. Examiners reward analytical depth and precision over the sheer number of points raised.

### TASK 2 — ANSWER SHEET

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

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