

IELTS Practice Tests Plus Volume 1

Writing Practice Test 1

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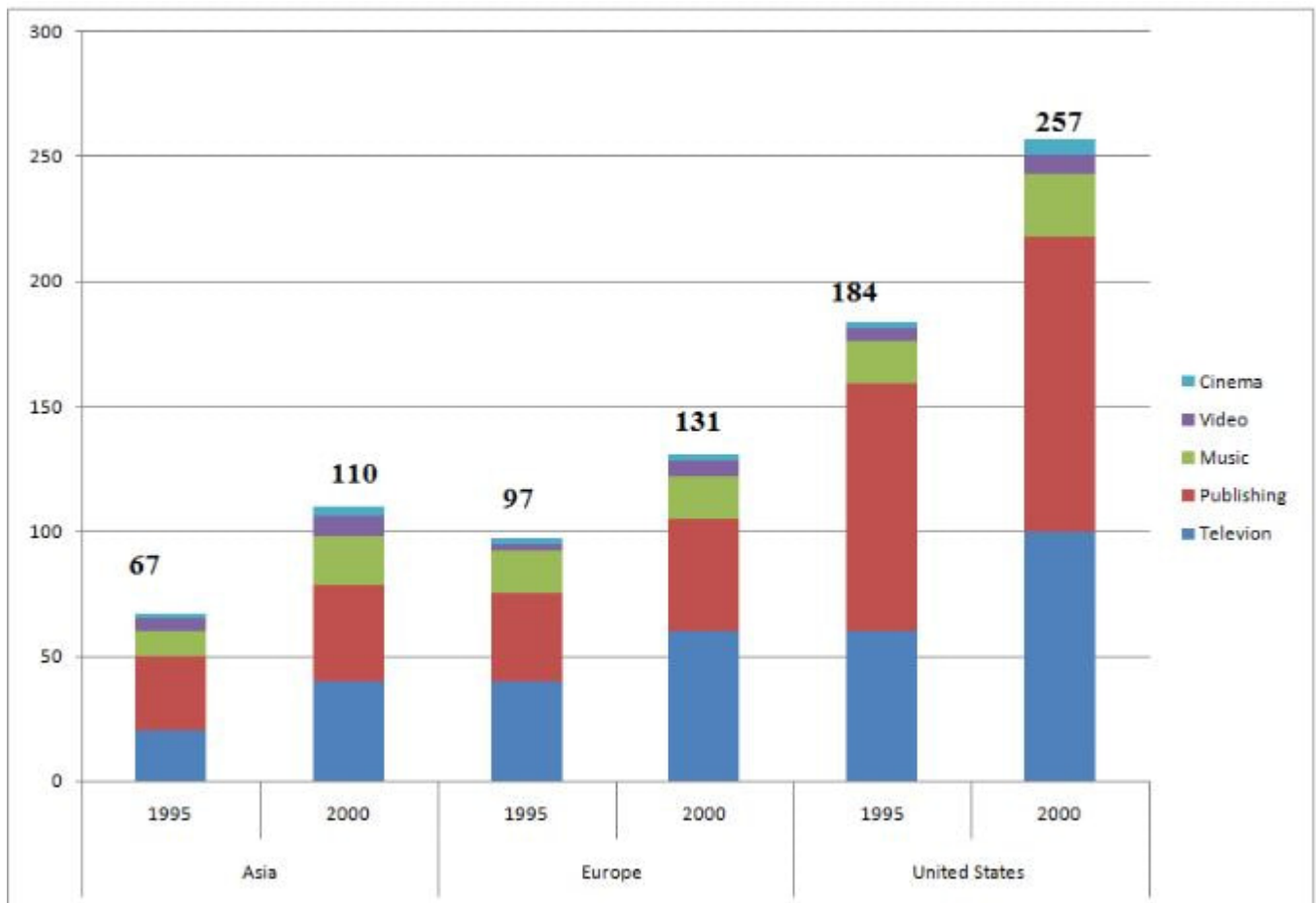
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about **20** minutes on this task.

The graph below shows how money was spent on different forms of entertainment over a five year period.

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

You should write at least **150** words.



WRITING TASK 2

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

Present a written argument or case to an educated non-specialist audience on the following topic:

Under British and Australian laws a jury in a criminal case has no access to information about the defendant's past criminal record. This protects the person who is being accused of the crime.

Some lawyers have suggested that this practice should be changed and that a jury should

be given *all the past facts before they reach their decision about the case.*

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least **250** words.

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 1

The given graph illustrates changes in spending on various modes of entertainment in three regions in 1995 and 2000.

Expenditure on entertaining was highest in the USA in both the years, rising from \$184 billion to \$257 billion though Europe and Asia too registered a rise of 34 billion, from 97 billion to 131 billion, and 43 billion, from 67 billion to 110 billion, respectively.

Quite striking fact was the similarity in percentage of money spent on various modes: television and publishing, were almost similar with parallel rise, were major areas where an overwhelming amount of money, above 70% even though 90% in case of the United States, was spent in all three regions.

Similarly, music also witnessed a two-fold rise, in spite of being moderate, in the US and Asian markets, but Europe on the other hand saw a rather stagnant market.

Video registered a 100% rise in all the three markets despite of quantum being quite limited, but the market of cinema remained stagnant.

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

It is believed, and rightly so, that a person learns from his past and makes his future bright by correcting the mistakes committed in the past. Due to this, a person should not be judged, as a whole, by his past deeds only. Due the weightage must be accorded to the present circumstances in which the person commits an act, which may either give a positive or a negative result.

Different nations across the globe have a different set of rules in respect of criminal cases that come across the jury of such nation. The jury under the British and Australian laws has no access as regards the past criminal record of a defendant. This provides an edge to the defendant, as the jury comes to a decision in a vacuum. Moreover, in absence of previous criminal records the jury does not arrive at a decision due to any biasedness or pre-conceived notion about the character of the defendant. This situation, undoubtedly, favours the defendant.

However, another school of thought believes that the jury must be aware of the past criminal records of the defendant. According to the believers of this school, an access to the past criminal records, actually provides a factual, realistic and reasonable platform to the jury to deliver their judgment. The past records, as a matter of fact, provides the insight into nature, character, upbringing, social level, mental health and numerous other factors of the defendant. With the help of these tools, it becomes easy and logical for the jury to read the subconscious mind of such defendant. Moreover, it also facilitates the jury to take a reasoned, well defined, appropriate, conscious, deliberate, judicious and prudent decision.

As a matter of fact, in the recent case of a known gangster that made headlines in the criminal magazine, The ABC, it was only due to the knowledge of modus operandi of the said gangster in past records, that the jury overruled the theory of reasonable doubt that was illusioned by the advocate of the defendant.

In short, in my opinion, the jury must be made aware of the past records to provide them the opportunity to have a full 360-degree view of the defendant, as a whole.