IELTS Writing

Task 1: W16

…are similar in that…

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Similarities: A and B are similar in that…

1. Useful for making comparisons and organising data.
2. Grouping by similarities and differences.
3. Flexible: May be used in paragraphs 2 (main point), or 3 and 4 – details.
4. Another sentence without errors.

Yemen and Italy are similar in that the percentage of the population that is over 60 is forecast to rise significantly. However, the actual percentage is predicted to still be dramatically different – far smaller in Yemen than Italy.

Similarities

Key Language:

(A) is /are / were similar in that

- All age groups are similar in that… (more than 2 age groups)
- Both sexes are similar in that… (2 groups)
- Madrid and Frankfurt are similar in that… (named items)

(B) Additional language:

- particularly / especially (synonyms): "particularly after 1950" – focus on KEY point
- with the exception of… exclude a particular group / time from the similarity

Q1

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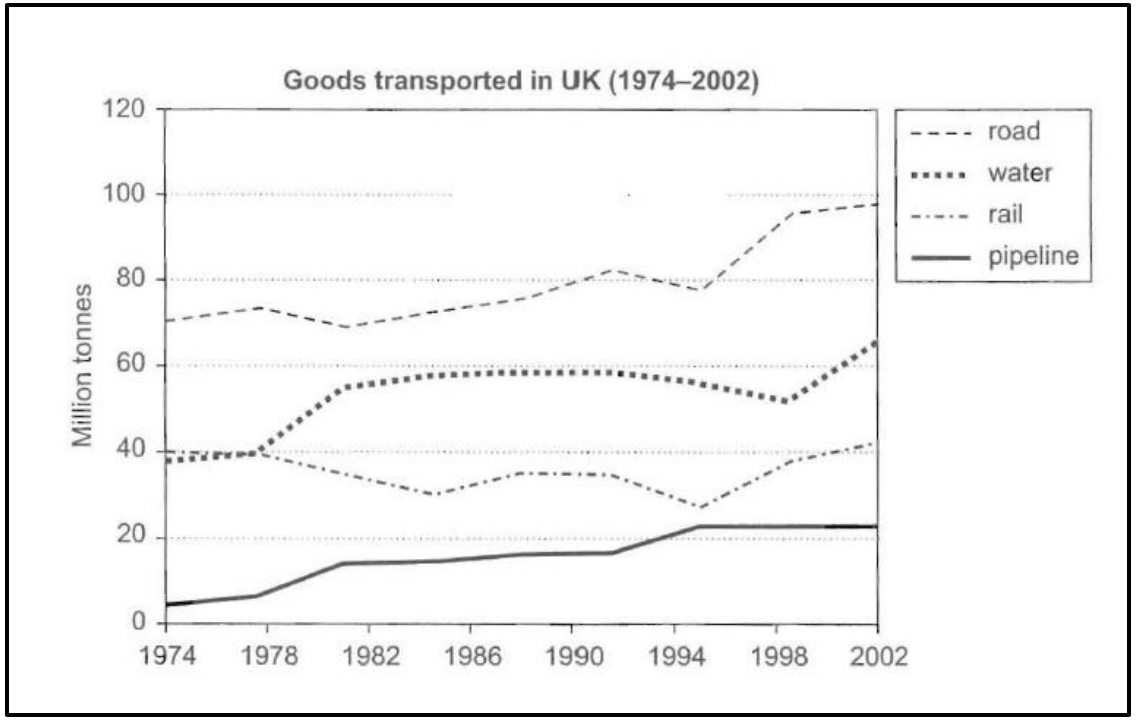

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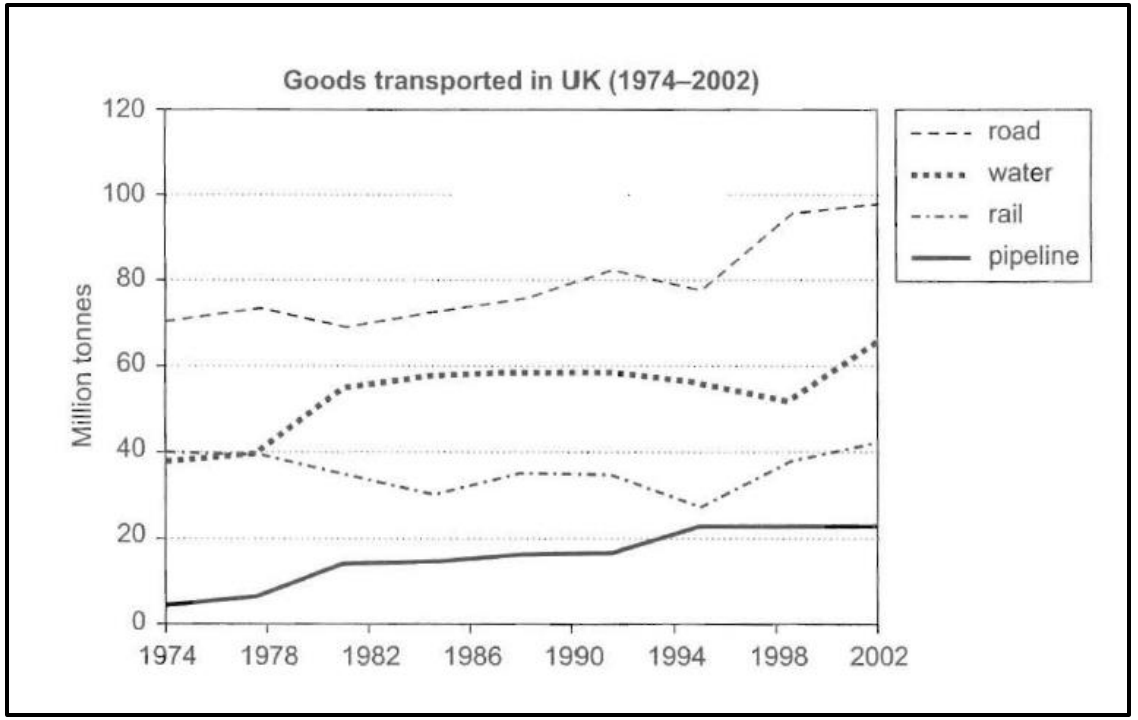
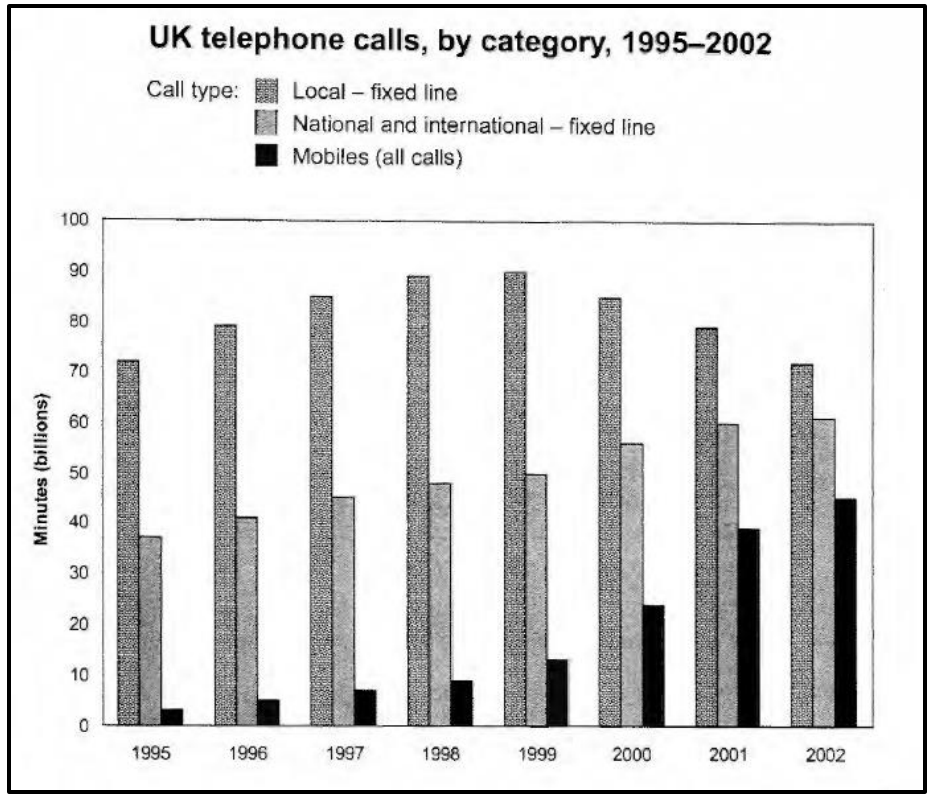


1. Road, water, and pipeline were similar in that the amount of goods they carried increased significantly during this period.

2. Transport by road, water and pipeline were similar in that the quantity carried rose very substantially during this period.

Q2

National and international fixed line calls, mobile calls – increased 1995 to 2002



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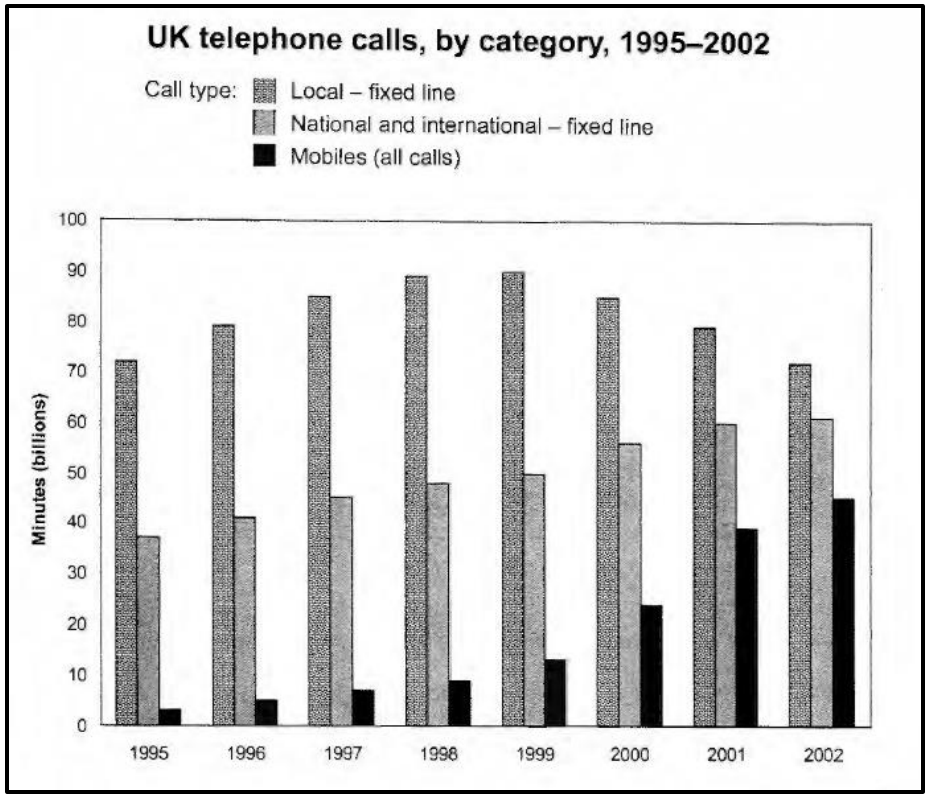
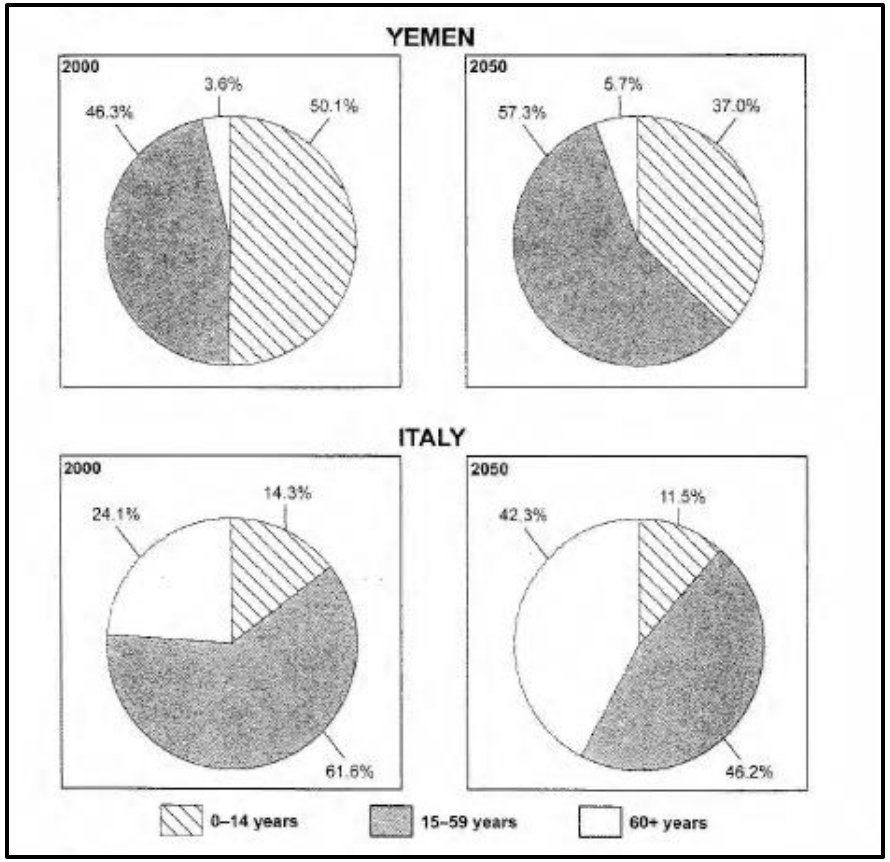


National and international fixed line calls and mobile calls are similar in that they both increased continuously throughout the entire 7 year period from 1995 to 2002.

Q3

Yemen and Italy – 0-14 fall & 60+ rise - 2000 to 2050



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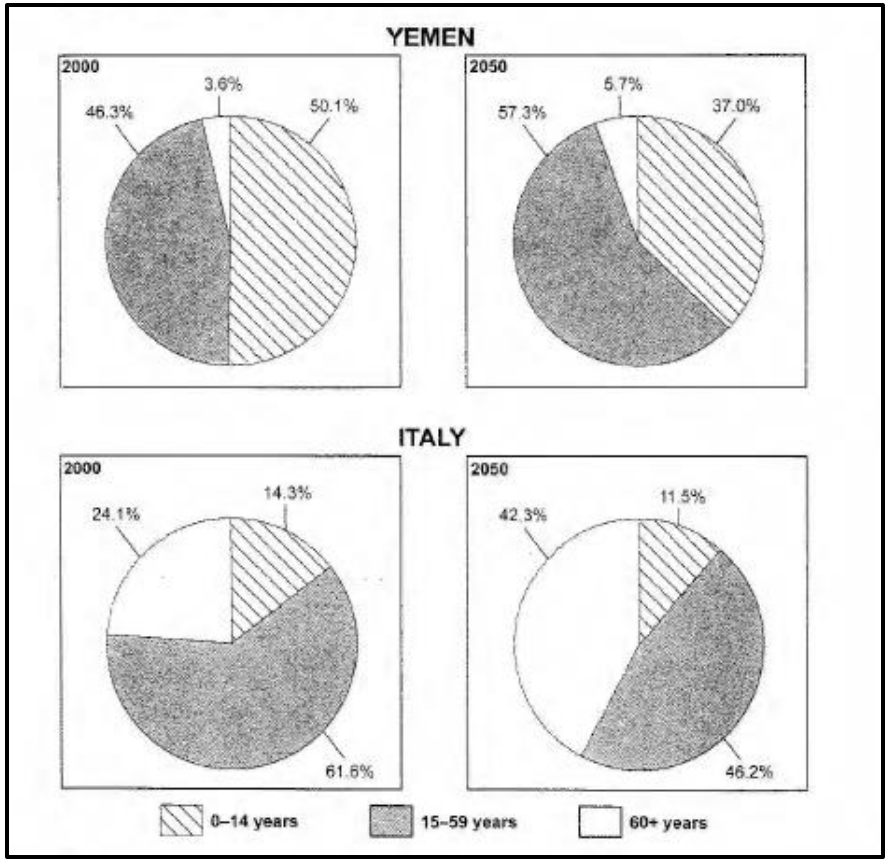

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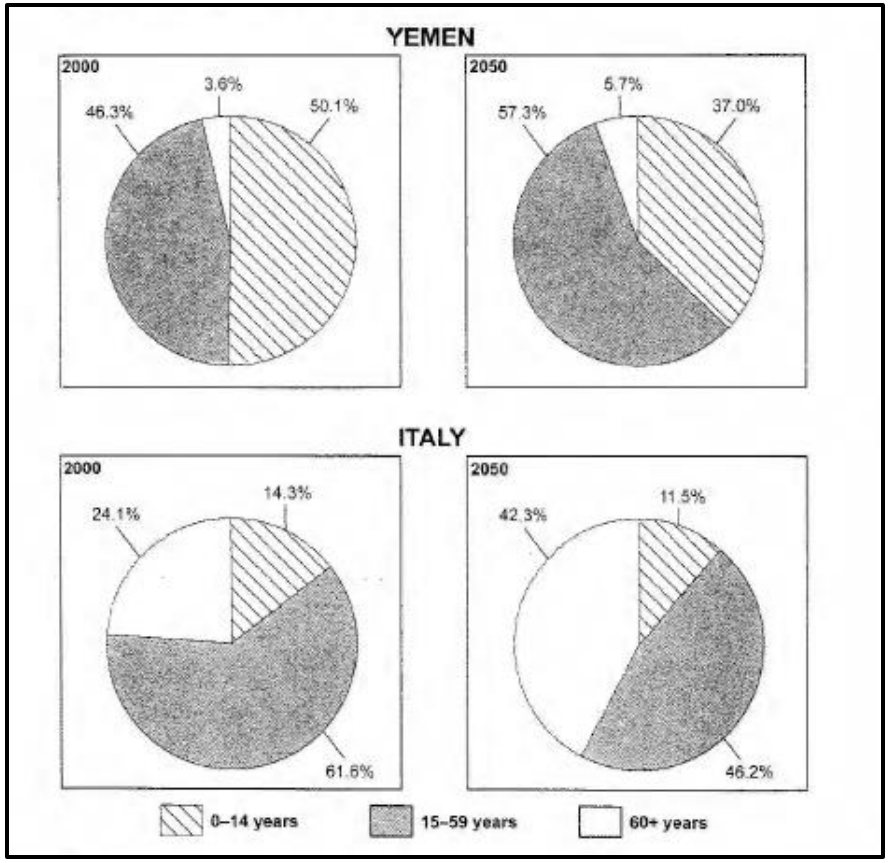

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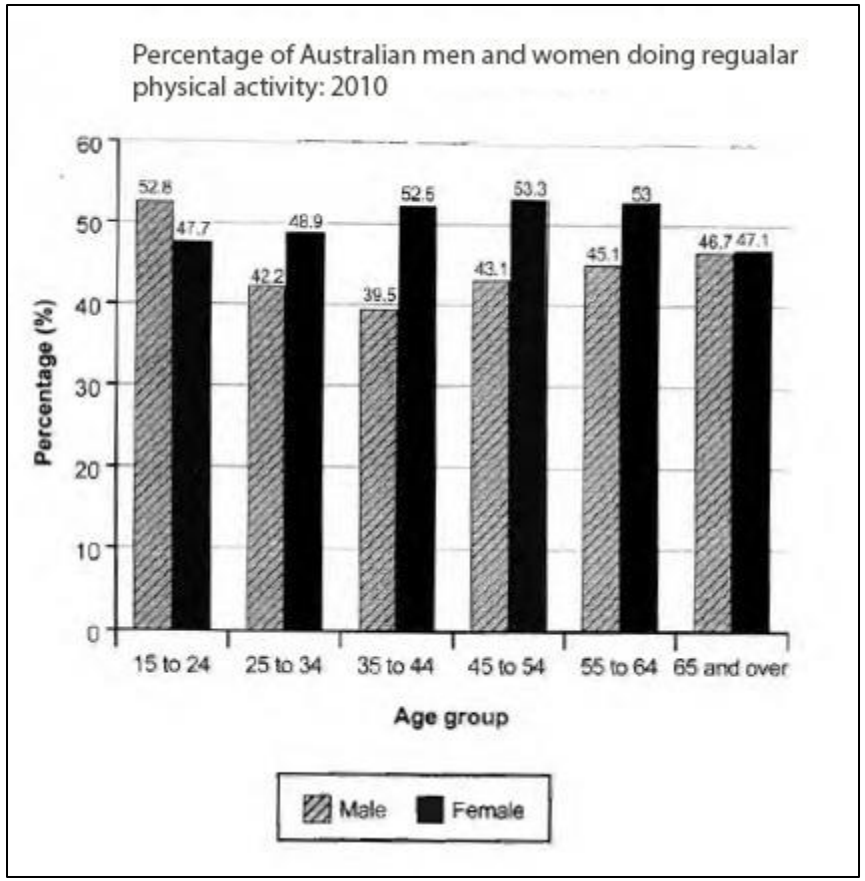

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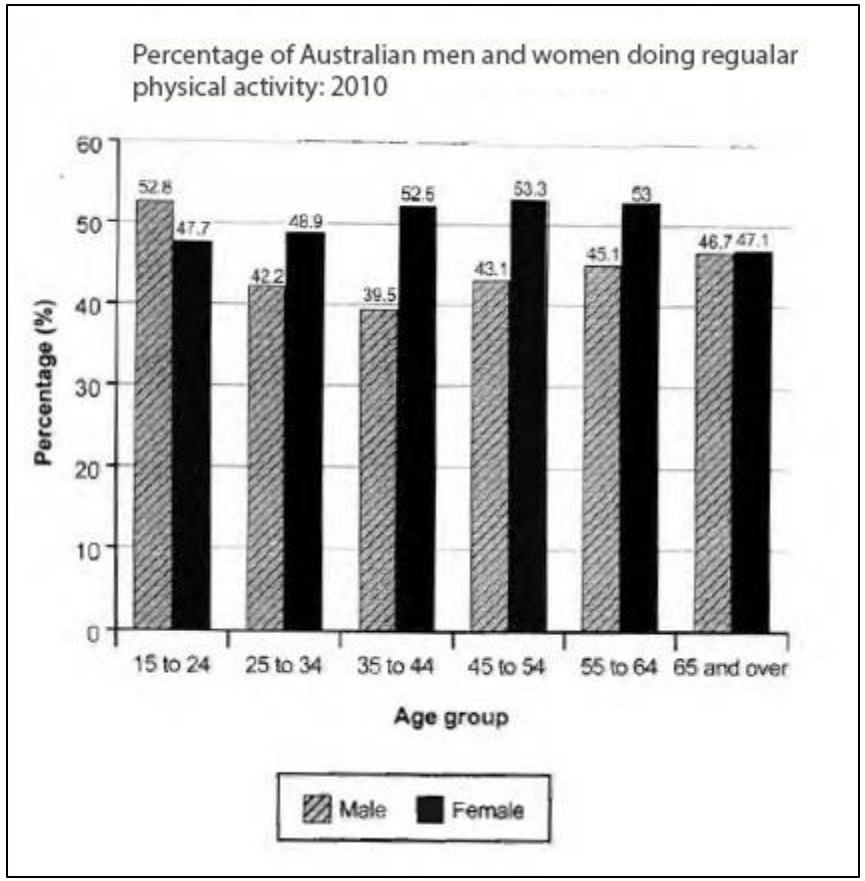

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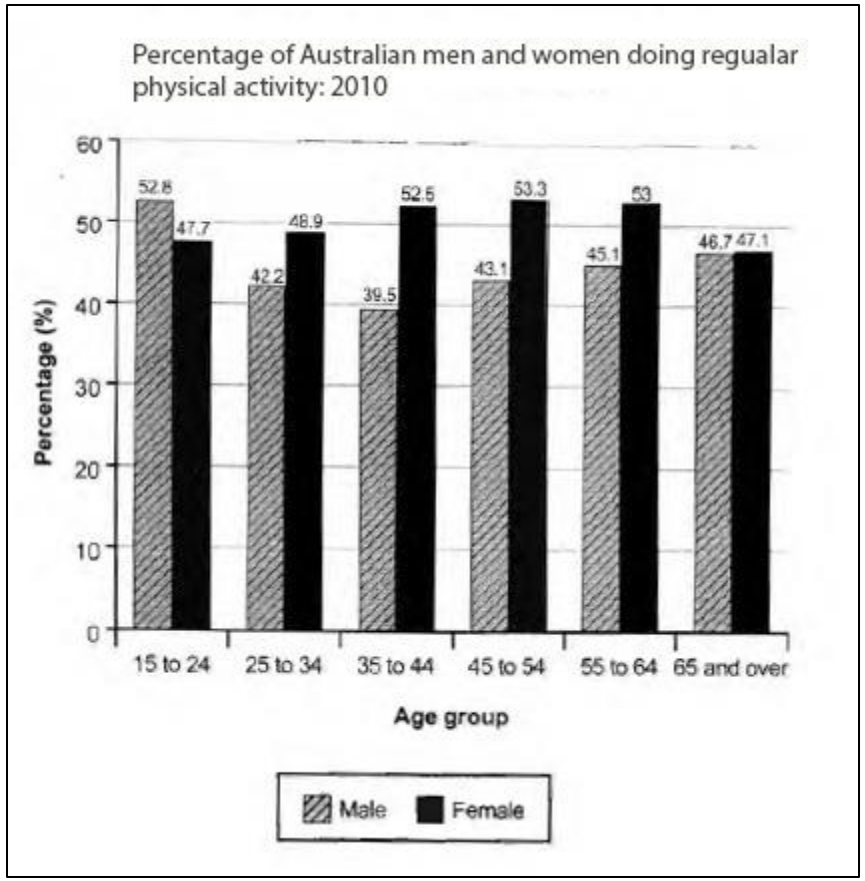

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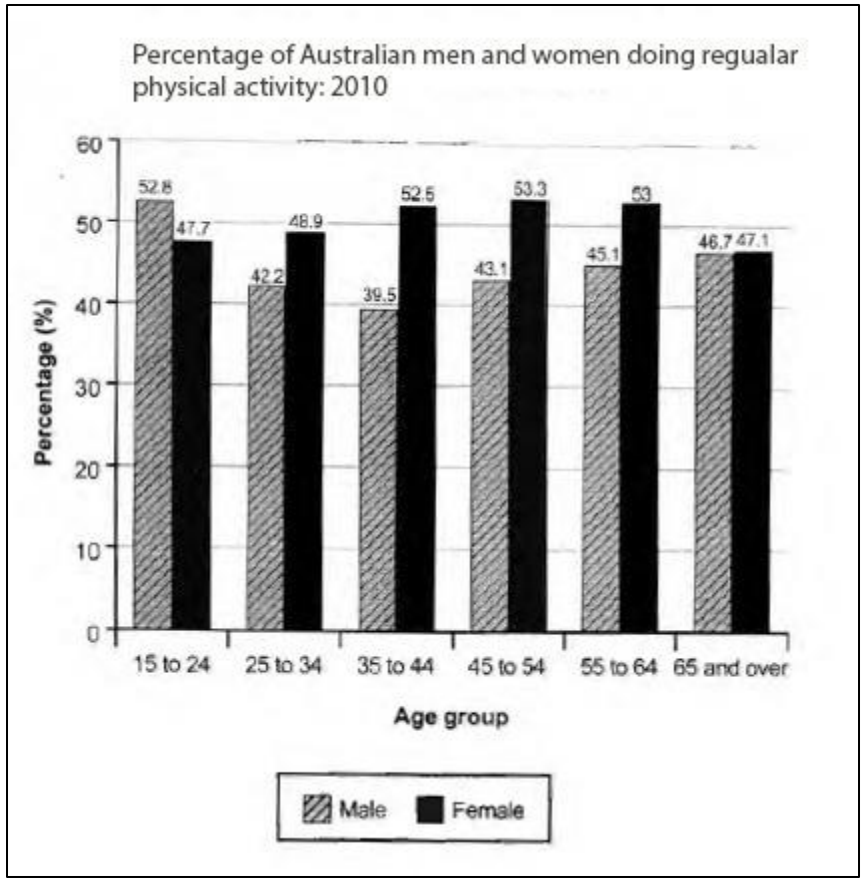

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Q6

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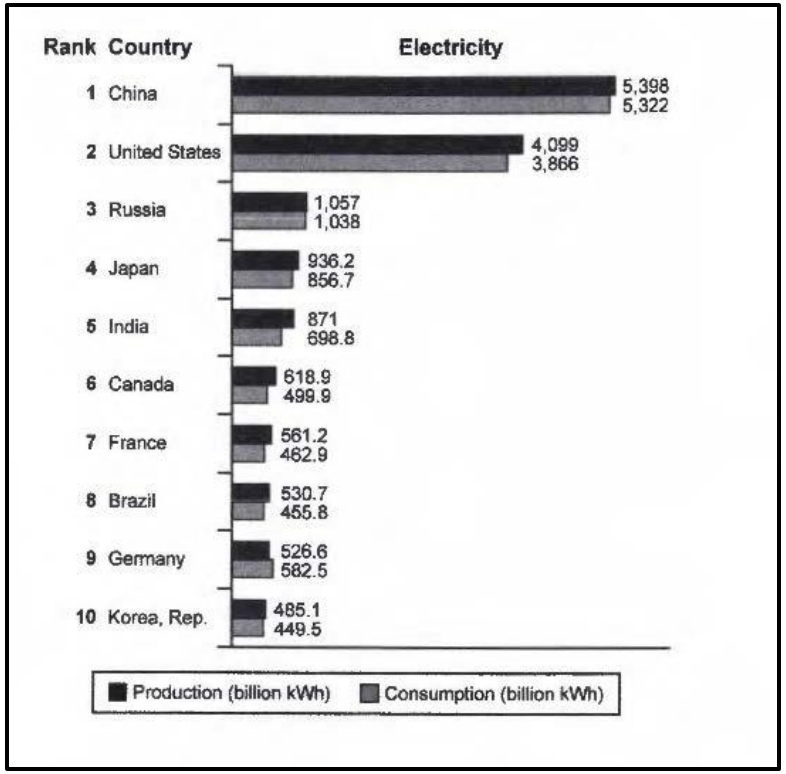

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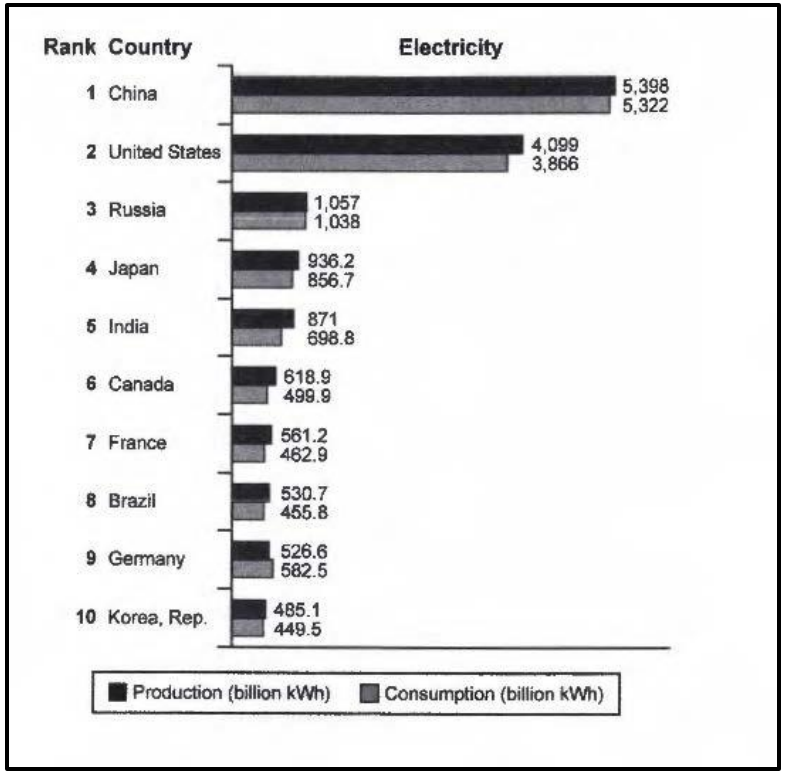

All ten countries, with the exception of Germany, are similar in that the amount of electricity that was produced was slightly greater than the amount that was consumed.

Q7

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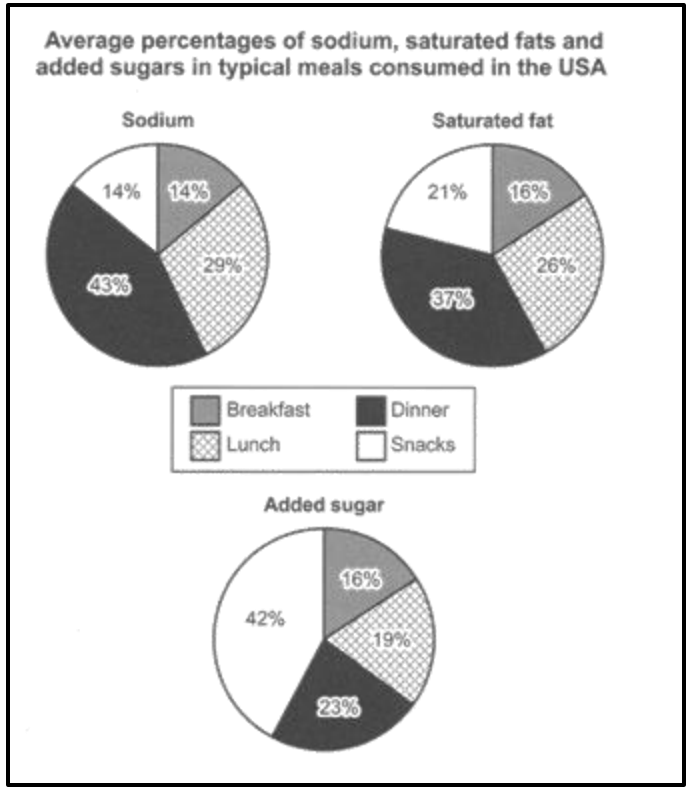

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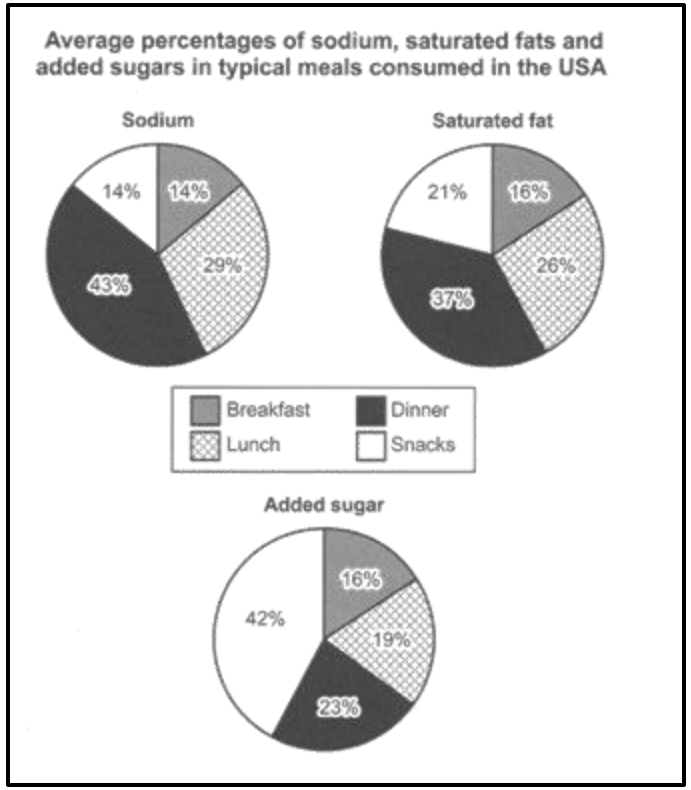

Sodium and saturated fats are similar in that the percentage that is eaten at lunch and dinner is far greater than the percentage that is eaten at breakfast and in snacks.

Q8

All five countries – similar - food, drink, tobacco: largest category – leisure, education: smallest

Country	Food/Drinks/ Tobacco	Clothing/ Footwear	Leisure/ Education
Ireland	28.91%	6.43%	2.21%
Italy	16.36%	9.00%	3.20%
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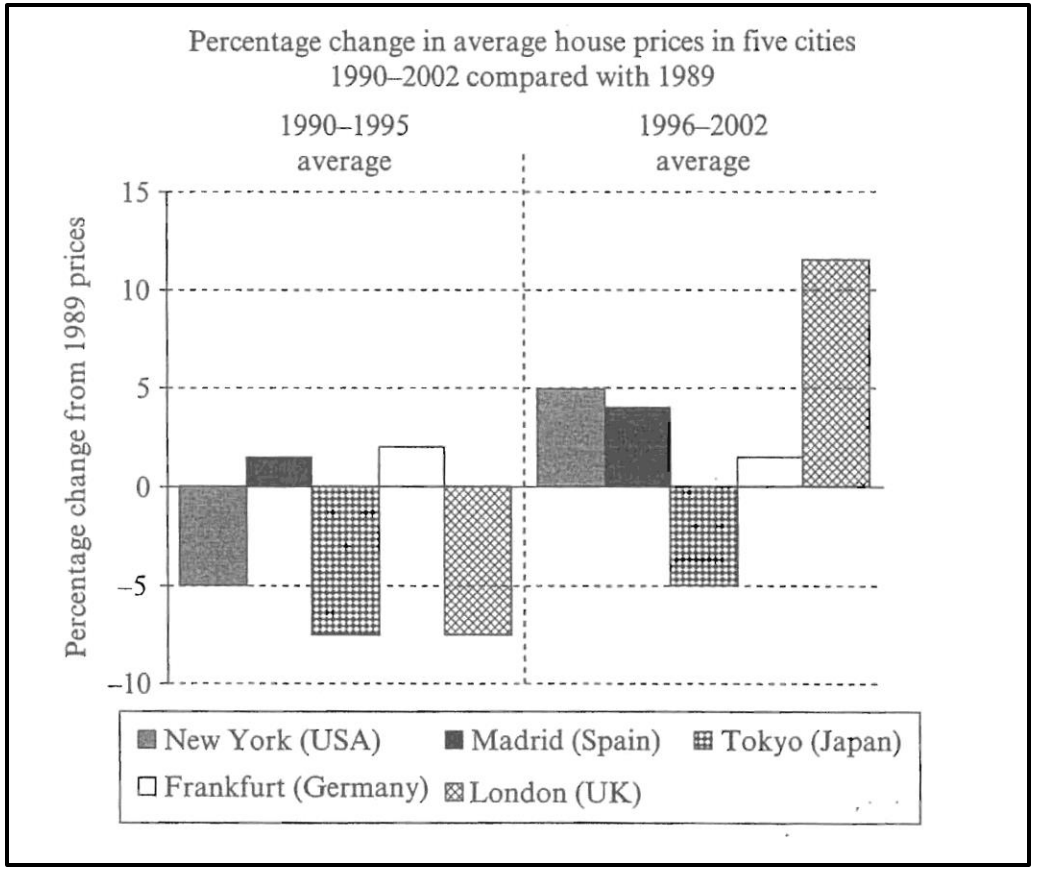
1. All five countries are similar in that food, drink and tobacco was the largest category of spending and leisure and education the smallest.

2. All five countries are similar in that the percentage of total spending (that people) spent on food, drink and tobacco was the largest of the three categories of spending and leisure and education the smallest.

Q9

Madrid & Frankfurt – similar - house prices higher - both periods – compared with 1989



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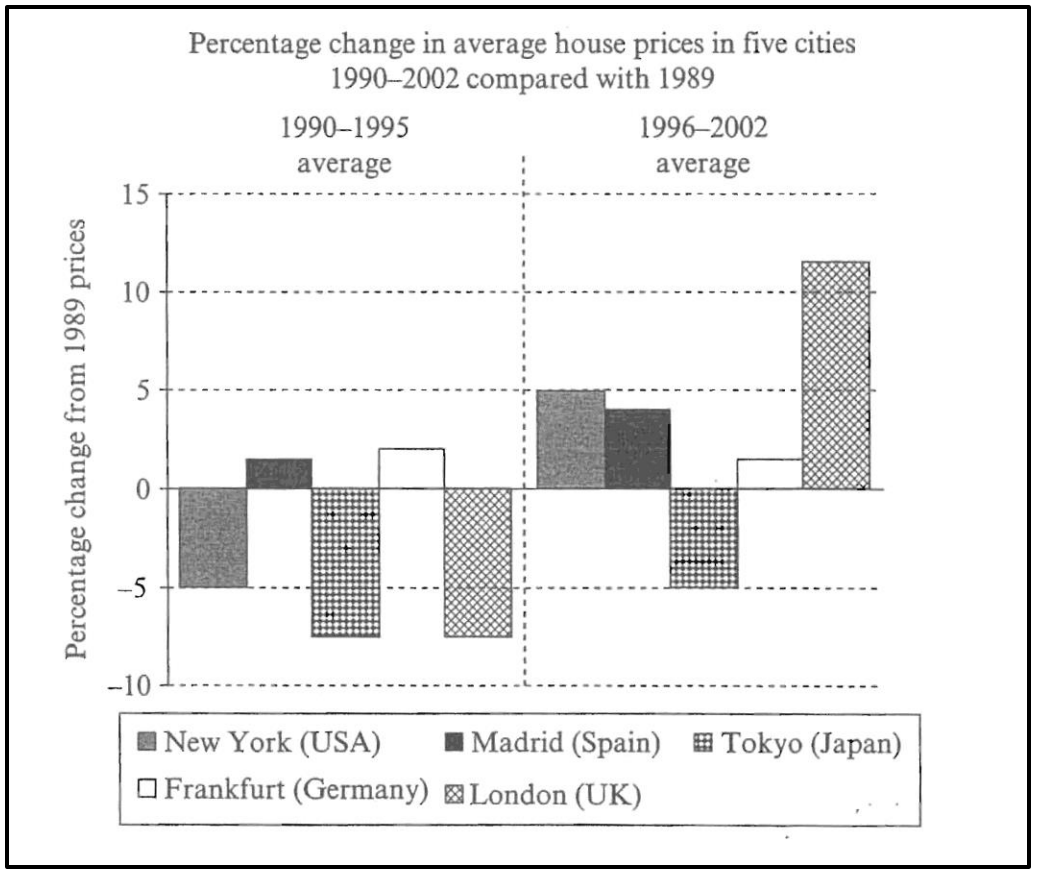
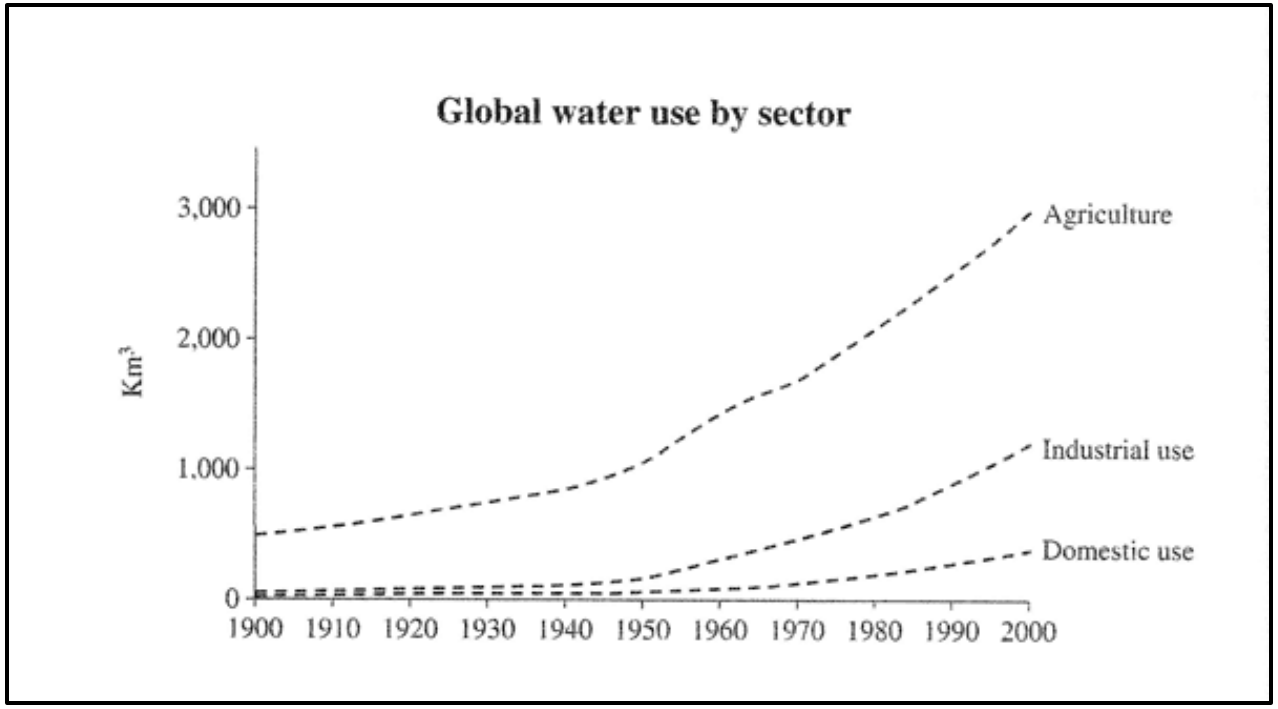


Madrid and Frankfurt are similar in that average house prices were higher in both cities, in both periods, compared with 1989.

Q10

3 sectors - similar – water use increased – 100 years – particularly after 1950



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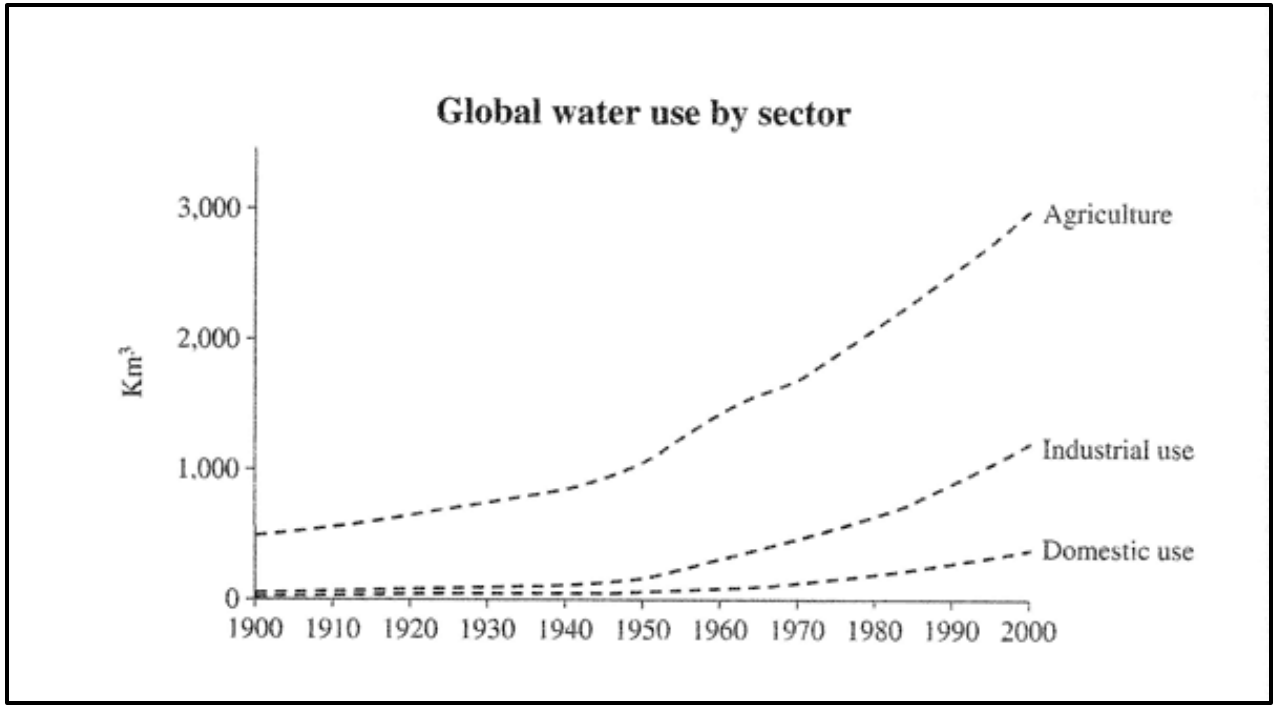

All three sectors are similar in that the amount of water that they used increased very substantially during the 100 year period, particularly after 1950.