

TEST 1, WRITING TASK 1

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 8.0** score.

The graphs illustrate the procession of some electrical appliances and how much time is dedicated to house work in one specific country from 1920 to 2019.

In general, we can see that the ownership of electrical appliances has had a considerable increase through the years and as a consequence the number of hours spent doing domestic chores has decreased.

Refrigerator is possibly the most important whiteware in households, therefore, it rose sharply from 0% in 1920 to 90% in 1960, reaching 100% of the households in 1980.

At the beginning, Vacuum cleaners and washing machines ownership presented similar trends, starting in 1920 at 30% and 40% of the residences, respectively. However, in 1960 the vacuum cleaner continued to be very popular peaking at 100% of the houses in 2000, while the washer possession fluctuated from 65% to 75% of the households.

With the increase of the popularity of those appliances it is clear to see the drop in the hours dedicated to housework. In 1920, people spent 50 hours per week on that activity, nevertheless, in 1960, it fell to about 15 hours and from then on the number of hours have steadily fallen.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This is a strong response which provides a clear overview, making a clear link between the two charts. It provides detailed data on the growth in ownership of individual appliances, pointing out peaks and similar trends. Ideas are logically organised, although paragraphing could be improved by avoiding any one-sentence paragraphs, to ensure ideas are grouped in the most effective way.

There is a wide range of vocabulary with some higher-level items [*dedicated* | *considerable increase* | *domestic chores* | *peaking at*]. Some errors remain, but do not reduce the message [*consequense* / consequence | *whiteware* / white goods | *begining* / beginning | *popularily* / popularity | *steadily follen* / steadily fallen].

Overall, grammar includes a variety of complex structures, with numerous long sentences containing a number of clauses. There are occasional errors, e.g. plural forms [*washing machines ownership*]; however, the majority of sentences are error-free.

This is a good example of a higher-level response to this Task 1 question.