

# IELTS Recent Mock Tests Volume 3

## Writing Practice Test 3

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# WRITING TASK 1

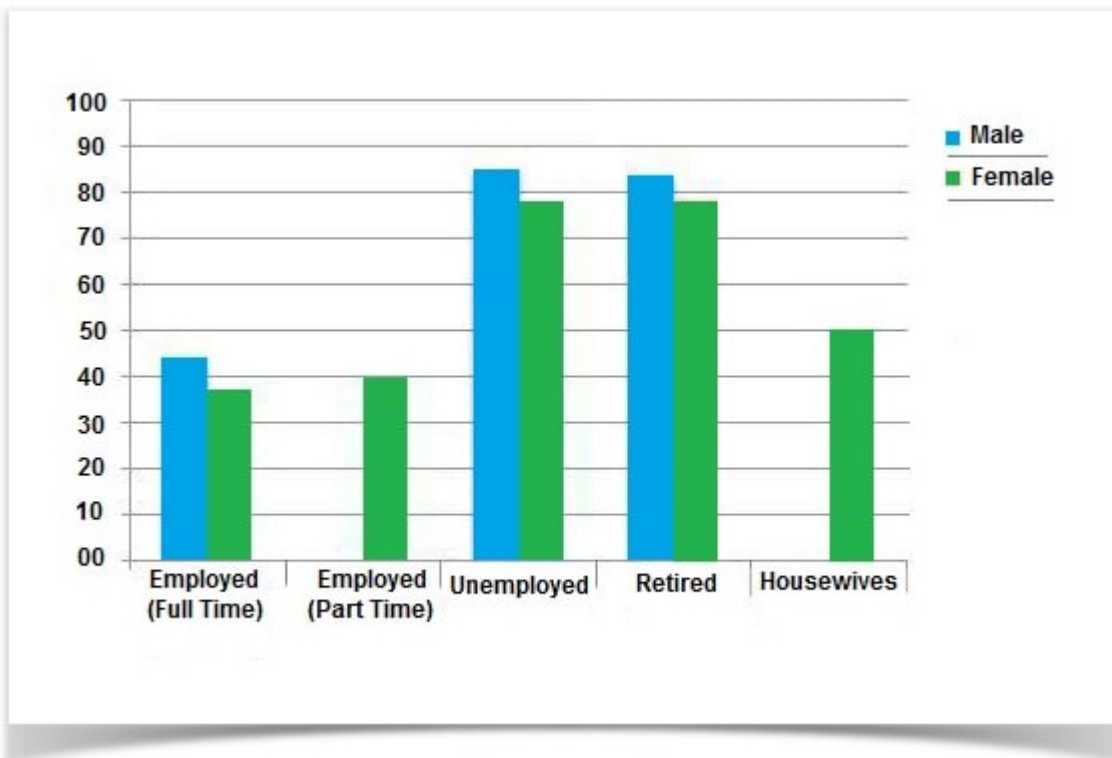
You should spend about **20** minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the amount of leisure time enjoyed by men and women of different employment status.

Write a report for a university lecturer describing the information shown below.

Leisure time in a typical week in hour- by sex and employment status, 1998-99.

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



# WRITING TASK 2

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

Some people feel that the design of newly constructed buildings in big cities should be controlled by governments. Others believe those who finance the construction of a building should be free to design it as they see fit.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

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 provided chart shows the number of leisure hours enjoyed by men and women in a typical week in 1998-99, according to gender and employment status. As is observed from the graph, the unemployed and retired men and women had more leisure time than the other type of people.

Among the full-time employed people, men had about 45 hours of leisure time on an average per week compared to the 38 hours of leisure time for women. No data is given for the part-time employed men and women from this category enjoyed 40 hours of leisure time in a week. This figure is slightly more than the employed women perhaps because of their employment nature.

Unemployed and retired people had the longest period for leisure activity both for men and women and men had a bit more hours than the women. As expected the retired and unemployed people enjoyed about 78 to 82 hours per week which is longer than people from other employment statuses. Lastly, housewives enjoyed approximately 50 hours of leisure time which is more than the employed women but less than the unemployed and retired women. The graph reflects that men had more leisure time from all employment statuses than women which indicates that women spent more time working at home than their male counterparts.

The graph summarises that the male enjoyed more leisure time than women and employed people had less time for leisure activities than retired and unemployed people.

(Approximately 244 words)

# SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

Nowadays with the fast-growing economy of some major cities in the world, more and more modern buildings are being erected to accommodate the burgeoning population that economic growth brings. However, there has been debate over whether local governments or construction companies should be responsible for the design of buildings. This essay discusses both sides of this contentious argument and then I will give my own perspective.

Many people argue that companies building the projects should be free to design buildings as they wish. One of the reasons for this is that they often have the expertise to design buildings well. For instance, they often employ leading architects to design stylish buildings for them. Another reason is to allow buildings in an area to have a distinctive flavour and to not be constrained by governmental regulations that may result in a cookie-cutter approach to building. An example of this style of building is in Beijing where whole suburbs look identical.

Others argue that governments should safeguard the general public's interests and design

buildings accordingly. More often than not, they have records of areas affected by disasters throughout history and will design buildings that can usually withstand just about every natural disaster such as earthquakes, floods and tornados. In addition, if governments make the decisions about a building's design, the whole town planning can be considered in the decision. More specifically they consider how the design of a particular building fits in with the other buildings and facilities in an area.

In conclusion, I believe both sides of the argument have their merits. However, on balance I believe that governmental involvement is essential to ensure safety issues are not being violated and whole cities have some sort of overall plan in their design. [292 words]

**Language:**

burgeoning = increasing

contentious argument = controversial or heated argument

perspective = viewpoint

architects = designers of buildings

distinctive flavour = unique flavour

constrained = limited

regulations = rules

cookie-cutter approach = an approach of designing things exactly the same safeguard = protect

town planning = design of a whole town or city violated =disobeyed