

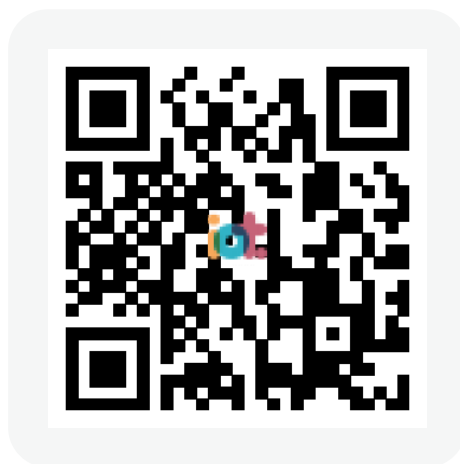
IELTS Recent Mock Tests Volume 1

Writing Practice Test 5

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WRITING TASK 1

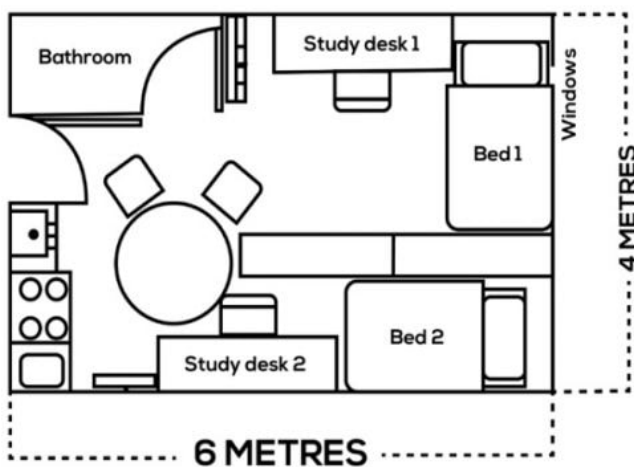
You should spend about **20** minutes on this task.

The plans below show a student room for two people and a student room for one person at an Australian university.

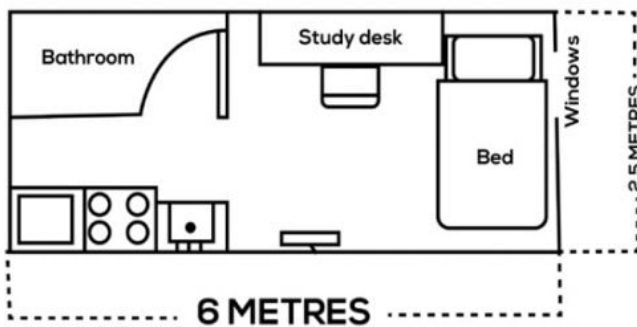
Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

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

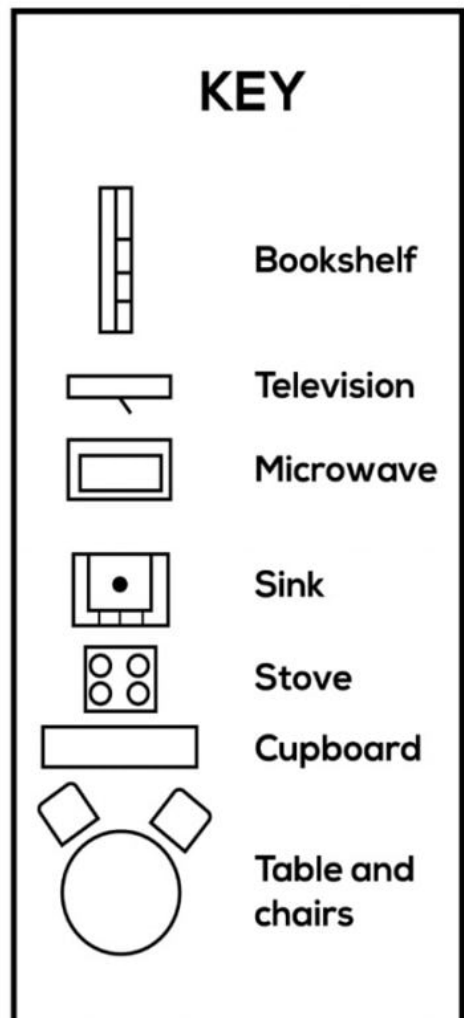
Student room for two people, \$350/week



Student room for one person, \$200/week



KEY



WRITING TASK 2

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

Write about the following topic.

Some universities now offer their courses on the Internet so that people can study online.

Is this a positive or negative development?

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

Sample Band: 8.0

The given diagrams illustrate the layout of two different student rooms at an Australian university.

Overall, the main differences between the two rooms are the price, the size, the features of each room, and how many people each room can accommodate. As can be seen, the first room is the larger, more expensive one, and has more features as well as can accommodate a greater number of people.

The first room is suitable for two people and costs \$350 per week, while the second room is only suitable for one person and costs \$200 per week. The first room is also significantly larger, at 6m x 4m, compared with the second room, which is only 6m x 2.5m.

The first room contains two beds, two study desks, two televisions, two cupboards, a bookshelf, and a table and chairs. Meanwhile, the second room only features one bed, one study desk, and one television, but has no cupboards, bookshelf, or table and chairs. Both rooms have similar kitchen and bathroom facilities.

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SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

It is true that online courses are becoming a common feature of university education. Although there are some drawbacks of Internet-based learning, I would argue that there are far more benefits.

The main drawback of the trend towards online university courses is that there is less direct interaction. Students may not have the opportunity to engage face-to-face with their teachers, and will instead have to rely on written forms of communication. Similarly, students who study online do not come into direct contact with each other, and this could have a negative impact on peer support, discussion and exchange of ideas. For example, whereas students on traditional courses can attend seminars and even discuss their subjects over coffee after lessons, online learners are restricted to chatting through website forum areas. These learners may also lack the motivation and element of competition that face-to-face group work brings. Despite the negatives mentioned above, I believe that online university courses are a positive development for various reasons. Firstly, they allow learners to study in a flexible way, meaning that they can work whenever and wherever is convenient, and they can cover the material at their own pace. Secondly, the cost of a university education can be greatly reduced, while revenues for institutions may increase as more students can be taught. Finally, online learning offers open access to anybody who is willing to study, regardless of age, location, ability and background. For example, my uncle, who is 65 years old, has recently enrolled on an online

MBA course in a different country, which would have been impossible in the days before Internet-based education.

In conclusion, while I recognise the possible disadvantages of online learning, I consider it to be a positive development overall.