

# IELTS Recent Mock Tests Volume 3

## Writing Practice Test 6

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# WRITING TASK 1

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

The line graph below shows the number of annual visits to Australia by overseas residents. The table below gives information on the country of origin where the visitors came from.

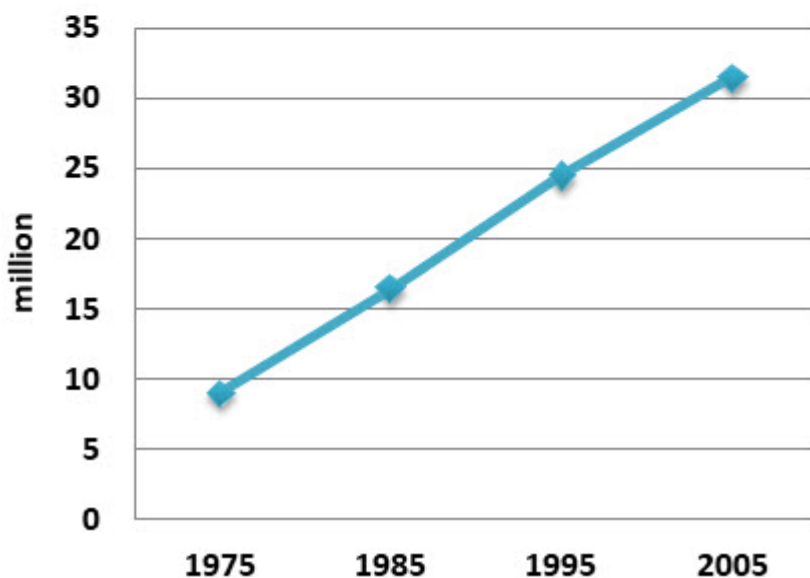
Write a report for a university lecturer describing the information given.

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

## Number of visitors (million)

People from \ Year	1975	2005
South Korea	2.9	9.1
Japan	3.2	12.0
China	0.3	0.8
USA	0.4	1.1
Britain	0.9	2.9
Europe	1.1	4.5
TOTAL	8.8	30.4

Visits to Australia by Overseas Residents, 1975 - 2005



# WRITING TASK 2

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

It's generally believed that success in fields such as art and sport can only be achieved if a person has natural talent. However, it's sometimes claimed that any child can be taught to become a good sports person or artist.

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

This line graph presents the number of visits to Australia by foreign citizens per year while the table specifies the visits per country that took place in the year 1975 and 2005. There has been a gradual increase from 1975 to 1985 while the number doubled from 1984 to 1995 as seen on the chart. However, compared to 1975, in 2005 the number of foreign visitors has increased drastically (Total 8.8 in 1975; 30.4 in 2005).

Furthermore, an interesting fact is that among the six countries given, South Korea and Japan had the most number of foreign visitors to Australia in 2005 compared to 1975 (South Korea: 2.9 in 1975 and 9.1 in 2005; Japan: 3.2 in 1975 and 12.0 in 2005). Meanwhile, China having had 0.3 million people visiting Australia in 1975 but 0.8 million in 2005 which is quite less in terms of changes that took place over the years compared to other countries over the past years.

Overall, compared to 1975 the number of foreign visitors has been increasing, reaching quite a high number of visitors of 32 million to Australia, while having a majority of visitors from South Korea and Japan. On the other hand, the least number of travels was from China but it is safe to say that the majority of the visits that took place to Australia were from Asian countries than Western countries.

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# SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

## **natural talent**

Key point 1: having better genes than others

Illustrative example 1: Michael Phelps who wins Olympic medals in swimming due to having a wider arm span

Key point 2: child geniuses.

Illustrative example 2: Mozart was already a gifted pianist giving public performances when he was just five years old.

## **learning**

Key point 1: training

Illustrative example 1: Tiger Woods exhausting training schedule Key point 2: skilled teachers

Illustrative example 2: After working hard with my tutor for three years I rose from being one of the weakest math students in my class to achieving first place in the final exams.

One of the highly controversial issues today relates to whether artists and sportspeople can

only be successful if they are born with natural talent or whether talent can be nurtured. This essay examines this question from both points of view and then gives my own perspective.

There are people who argue that success can only be achieved by people with natural talent. The main reason for believing this is that success requires having better genes than others. One good illustration of this is Michael Phelps who wins Olympic medals in swimming due to having a wider arm span than the average person. We can also see evidence of natural talent in child geniuses whose natural talent shows at a young age. For instance, Mozart was already a gifted pianist giving public performances when he was just five years old.

However, it can also be argued that anyone can achieve success if they have dedication and motivation. A good example of success due to long hours of training is Tiger Woods. He claims that he only become the number one golfer in the world due to his exhausting training schedule. Moreover, there is the concept of a mentor whose skill develops their students in outstanding ways. For instance, I was terrible at mathematics all through primary school, and in secondary school my parents hired an amazing tutor. After working hard with my tutor for three years I rose from being one of the weakest math students in my class to first place in the final exams.

In conclusion, I believe that both arguments have their merits. On balance, however, I tend to believe that true success only occurs when both conditions are present. Consequently, true brilliance requires a good set of genes as well as the right nurturing of that natural talent and hard work and dedication to one's field. [308 words]