

## WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The two tables below show statistics of workers of foreign and US birth in the United States last year.*

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

You should write at least 150 words.

### *Analysis of Last Year's United States' Workforce - Workers in the US of Foreign Birth*

*All Figures in Thousands*

<b>By Gender</b>	<b>Total in Workforce</b>	<b>Number of Employed</b>	<b>Number of Unemployed</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate - %</b>
Male	14,385	13,643	1,284	8.9
Female	9,972	8,326	1,104	11.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>24,357</i>	<i>21,969</i>	<i>2,388</i>	<i>9.8</i>

  

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Total in Workforce</b>	<b>Number of Employed</b>	<b>Number of Unemployed</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
16 - 24	1,975	1,661	314	15.9
25 - 34	5,937	5,387	550	9.3
35 - 44	6,884	6,265	619	9.0
45 - 54	5,719	5,172	547	9.6
55 - 64	3,011	2,727	284	9.4
65 +	831	757	74	8.9

### *Analysis of Last Year's United States' Workforce - Workers in the US of US Birth*

*All Figures in Thousands*

<b>By Gender</b>	<b>Total in Workforce</b>	<b>Number of Employed</b>	<b>Number of Unemployed</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate - %</b>
Male	67,610	60,414	7,196	10.6
Female	61,923	56,682	5,242	8.5
<i>Totals</i>	<i>129,533</i>	<i>117,095</i>	<i>12,438</i>	<i>9.6</i>

  

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Total in Workforce</b>	<b>Number of Employed</b>	<b>Number of Unemployed</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
16 - 24	18,960	15,417	3,543	18.7
25 - 34	27,678	24,842	2,836	10.2
35 - 44	26,482	24,398	2,084	7.9
45 - 54	30,242	28,019	2,223	7.4
55 - 64	20,286	18,909	1,377	6.8
65 +	5,886	5,511	375	6.4

Source: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
US Census Bureau

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## **WRITING TASK 2**

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

**Write about the following topic:**

**Although the prices of fuels have greatly increased over the last decade or two, it is argued that further increases in fuel prices are the only way to reduce world consumption of fuel and lessen pressure on the world's fuel resources. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

You should write at least 250 words.

# Speaking Questions

## Section 1

- \* Tell me a little about your country.
- \* What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of living in your country?
- \* Where would you advise a visitor to your country to visit? (Why?)

### Topic 1      Libraries

- \* Do people in your country go to libraries? (Why/Why not?)
- \* What function do libraries have in communities?
- \* Do you feel that using a library should be free?
- \* Do you think libraries are a thing of the past or do you think they have a future?

### Topic 2      Sports

- \* Do you play any sports? (Why/Why not?)
- \* What sport would you/did you encourage your child to play?
- \* Why do you think people like to watch sports?
- \* What is your attitude to high risk/dangerous sports?

## Section 2

Describe a memorable place that you have visited  
You should say:  
    where this place is  
    when you first went there  
    what you did there  
and explain why this place is so memorable for you.

## Section 3

### Topic 1      Cities

- \* Do you prefer to live in a city or in the countryside? (Why?)
- \* What are the advantages of living in a big city?
- \* What are some of the problems of living in a modern city?
- \* How do you think cities will change in your country over the next 50 years?

### Topic 2      The Environment

- \* Does your country suffer from pollution problems?
- \* How does your country's government deal with pollution?
- \* What do you feel is more important, the environment or people's standard of living? (Why?)
- \* Do you think overpopulation is an important environment issue?