

# ACADEMIC WRITING PRACTICE TEST 1

## WRITING TASK 1

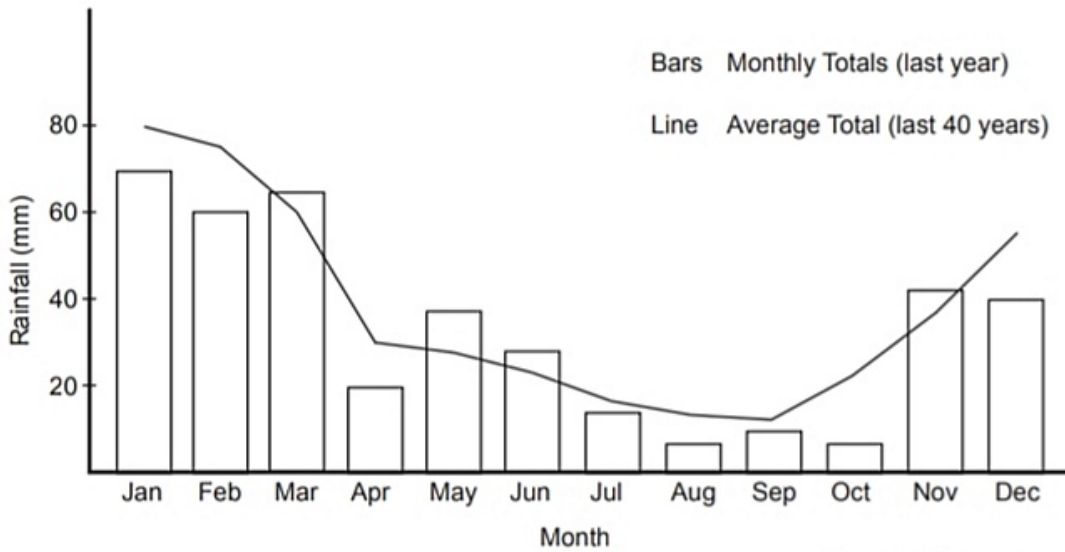
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The bar chart below shows the average rainfall for Australia by month for last year. The line shows the average rainfall for Australia by month for the last 40 years.*

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

You should write at least 150 words.

**Average Rainfall for Australia for Last Year by Month**



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## **WRITING TASK 2**

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

**Write about the following topic:**

**Today's schools should teach their students how to survive financially in the world today. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

You should write at least 250 words.

# ACADEMIC SPEAKING PRACTICE TEST 1

## Section 1

- \* Can you tell me a little about where you live?
- \* Which is your favourite room in the house/flat where you live?
- \* What changes would you like to make to where you live?

### Topic 1      Fruits and Vegetables

- \* Do you like fruits and vegetables? What fruits and vegetables are popular in your country?
- \* Why are fruits and vegetables so good for people?
- \* How can we get young people to eat more fruits and vegetables?
- \* Do you think you could ever be a vegetarian? (Why/Why not?)

### Topic 2      The Weather

- \* What are the typical seasonal weather conditions in your country?
- \* How do you think weather can affect people's moods?
- \* Do you feel weather patterns are changing nowadays? (Why?)
- \* What do people like to do in your country when it's raining?

## Section 2

Describe your ideal car

You should say:

what kind of car you'd like

what special features you'd like it to have

where you'd like to travel in it

and explain why it would be your ideal car

## Section 3

### Topic 1      The Advantages and Disadvantages of Cars

- \* What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of owning a car?
- \* Do you think cars should be banned from city centres? (Why/Why not?)
- \* What other measures can governments introduce to stop people using cars so much?
- \* How do you feel that cars will be improved over the next 50 years?

### Topic 2      Driving and the Law

- \* At what age should be people be allowed to start driving and what age should they stop? (Why?)
- \* What are the laws like regarding driving speeds in your country?
- \* What laws does your country have about driving and alcohol?
- \* Do you feel there should be a law about how long one can drive without stopping?