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Test 1

## WRITING

### WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The table below gives information on consumer spending on different items in five different countries in 2002.*

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

Write at least 150 words.

**Percentage of national consumer expenditure by category – 2002**

Country	Food/Drinks/Tobacco	Clothing/Footwear	Leisure/Education
Ireland	28.91%	6.43%	2.21%
Italy	16.36%	9.00%	3.20%
Spain	18.80%	6.51%	1.98%
Sweden	15.77%	5.40%	3.22%
Turkey	32.14%	6.63%	4.35%

The diagram provides information regarding a variety of categories citizens spent ~~for~~ money on in five nations in 2002. It is plain to see that people spent the most on food, drinks and tobacco, whereas people consumed the least for leisure and education.

**Comment [z1]:** You always need the for superlatives [the most, the highest, lowest]

**Comment [z2]:** you should rephrase keywords more

In more detail, the ~~largest amount~~ highest proportion of spending that by people spent in the five nations was for food, drinks and tobacco. Consumer spending on food, drinks and tobacco was higher in Turkey, at 32.14 per cent and in Ireland, at 28.91 per cent. On the other hand, people in Sweden spent the least on this category, at 15.77 per cent.

**Comment [z3]:** use amount for uncountable nouns, but not for percentages. "The amount of water used was 2lires"

**Comment [z4]:** approximately 15% [this task gives very precise numbers to test whether you can give approximate numbers]

~~Of~~ With regards to clothing and footwear, Italy had the largest proportion on the table. ~~9~~ Nine per cent of expenditure in Italy compared to 5.40 per cent of that in Sweden, which was the lowest.

**Comment [z5]:** don't start a sentence with a budget

In the leisure and education category, people in ~~each~~ every nation consumed the least on this. Turkey had the largest ~~of~~ proportion of national consumer expenditure on this, with 4.35 per cent of total spending, while the figure for Spain was only approximately 2 per cent.

**Comment [z6]:** new category = new paragraph

**Comment [z7]:** this is VITAL! We do not know the actual amounts only the percentages, you don't want to make it sound like they spend more (\$) because we don't know this. We only know the percentage was higher

Grade	Estimated	
Criteria	Grade	

**Comment [z8]:** yes good you should have done this more!

Task response	6-7	<p>Excellent overall summary</p> <p>The most important data seems to be covered</p> <p>Be careful that it is clear you are talking about percentages and not numbers “spent more” should be stated as “spent a high proportion”</p> <p>I would like to see more approximate numbers given</p> <p>Also you should try to combine data more. For instance,</p> <p><b>You wrote</b> Consumer spending on food, drinks and tobacco was higher in Turkey, at 32.14 per cent and in Ireland, at 28.91 per cent.</p> <p><b>I would write</b> Consumer spending on food, drinks and tobacco was higher in Turkey, and Ireland, at about 30%. [It also uses less words, so you can describe the data more]</p>
Cohesion and coherence	6	<p>Paragraph 3 start with something like “With regards to...” To guide the reader</p> <p>Each category should be in its own paragraph</p>
Vocabulary	6	<p><b>Rephrase more:</b> food, drinks and tobacco = food beverages and cigarettes clothing and footwear = clothes and shoes leisure and education = recreation and learning</p>
Grammar	6	<b>The+ superlative [the most]</b>
overall	6	This is a reasonable result, as it only accounts for one third of your grade. Still, try to learn from your mistakes and advance to 7!



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