

Writing Task 1 Model Answer

Maps

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The maps below show changes in the city of Nelson in recent times.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Nelson, 2000



Nelson, today



Model Answer

The two maps illustrate the transformations that have taken place in the city of Nelson from the year 2000 until today. Overall, it can be seen that Nelson has changed from a relatively small university town into a more developed settlement with additional amenities available for its citizens.

One of the most notable improvements has been the addition of student accommodation with the construction of a five-storey hall of residence to the left of the university. The forest that was previously located to the north-east of the map has been cut down to make way for a new shopping complex. Also, the old train station has been relocated closer to the middle of the city and rebuilt into a much more modern facility.

The old market has been replaced with a new shop, and a new covered market with a roof to protect its customers from the weather has been constructed to the right of the centre. The city centre itself now also has two new forms of transport: a bike rental scheme and a new tramline connecting it to the university. The old road is no longer accessible to cars and has been converted into a walkway for pedestrians only. And finally, the vacant lot located at the southern end near the port has been turned into an entertainment area with the addition of a restaurant and bars and clubs.

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