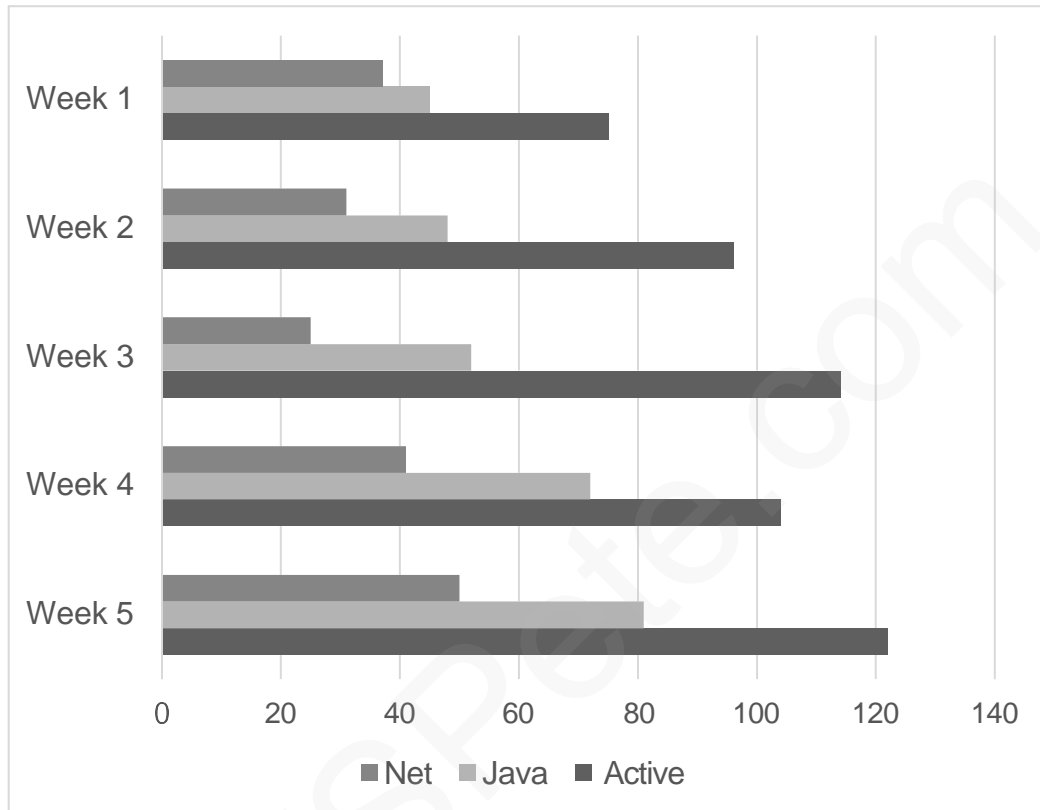


Bar Chart: Essay Structure

The bar chart shows the number of times per week (in 1000s), over five weeks, that three computer packages were downloaded from the internet.



Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.

Essay Structure and Approach

Introduction
Main Body I
Main Body II
Main Body III (possibly)
Conclusion (possibly)

1. Introduction

The introduction is made up of two sentences:

- 1.1 The first sentence simply restates (paraphrases) the illustrations' introduction from the test question and also mentions a time frame if there is one.
- 1.2 The second sentence is a general overview of what's happening or changing (main trends or differences) but gives no detail, such as data, at this stage. An overview is required for a band 6 or higher, which is why we write it in the introduction so that it can't be missed at the end due to time running out.

2. Main Body I and II (possibly III)

- 2.1 The main body paragraphs now go into specific detail and must refer to the data in the charts. It's important not to give opinions; simply describe what the data shows.
- 2.2 Use vocabulary that fits with the illustration; be careful to distinguish between dynamic and static data. For example, use language of change and trends for dynamic illustrations, such as bar charts over a time period as shown above. Also, use contrasting language when making comparisons.
- 2.3 To organize the body paragraphs, it's necessary to identify similarities and differences and group data together to identify trends (or patterns).
- 2.4 Where possible, focus and separate the body paragraphs by these different trends.
- 2.5 It may be that there are too many trends to be able to separate them into only two paragraphs, in which case a third paragraph would be required, although two main bodies are usually sufficient.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 A conclusion (or summary) is not required unless it's stated. However, it's often advisable to write one to tie the essay together or to increase the word count if needed.

- 3.2 A good conclusion describes at a high level what changed or is predicted to change, although it must not repeat the overview sentence.
- 3.3 When writing the conclusion, do not introduce any new details or descriptions.