

# IELTS WRITING TEST 6

## WRITING TASK 1

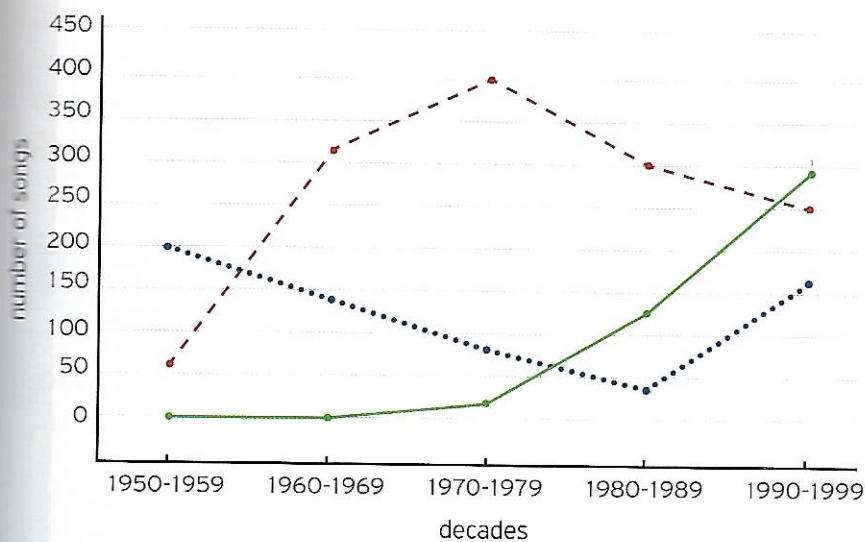
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The line graph and pie chart below give us information about the number and popularity of different types of hit songs released from 1950 to 1999.

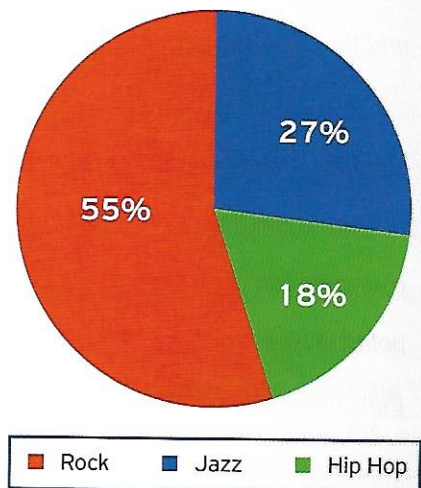
Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

You should write at least 150 words.

Number of hit songs released



Popularity of hit songs by genre



The pie chart and line graph above compare the popularity of rock, jazz and hip hop music and illustrate the number of hits released for each kind of music between 1950 and 1999.

Rock music started with around 60 hits in 1950-1959, then experienced a steep rise to approximately 320 hits in the next decade. Its number of hits peaked in 1970-1979, reaching 400, after which time it fell to 300 hits in 1980-1989 and 250 in 1990-1999. In contrast, jazz started with 200 hits in the 1950s and then experienced a steady decline until 1980-1989, when it only had about 40 hits. In the next decade, however, the number rose dramatically to just over 150 hits. On the other hand, hip hop did not have any hits until 1970, when there were only around 20. However, this number rose sharply in the next decade, to well over 100, and reached a peak at approximately 300 in 1990-1999.

As far as overall popularity is concerned, rock music occupies more than half of the pie chart (55%), followed by jazz and hip hop, which have 27% and 18% respectively.

On the whole, hip hop music became very popular during these decades and jazz made a comeback at the end of this period. However, taking into account the number of hits, rock music was the most popular overall.