

## WRITING

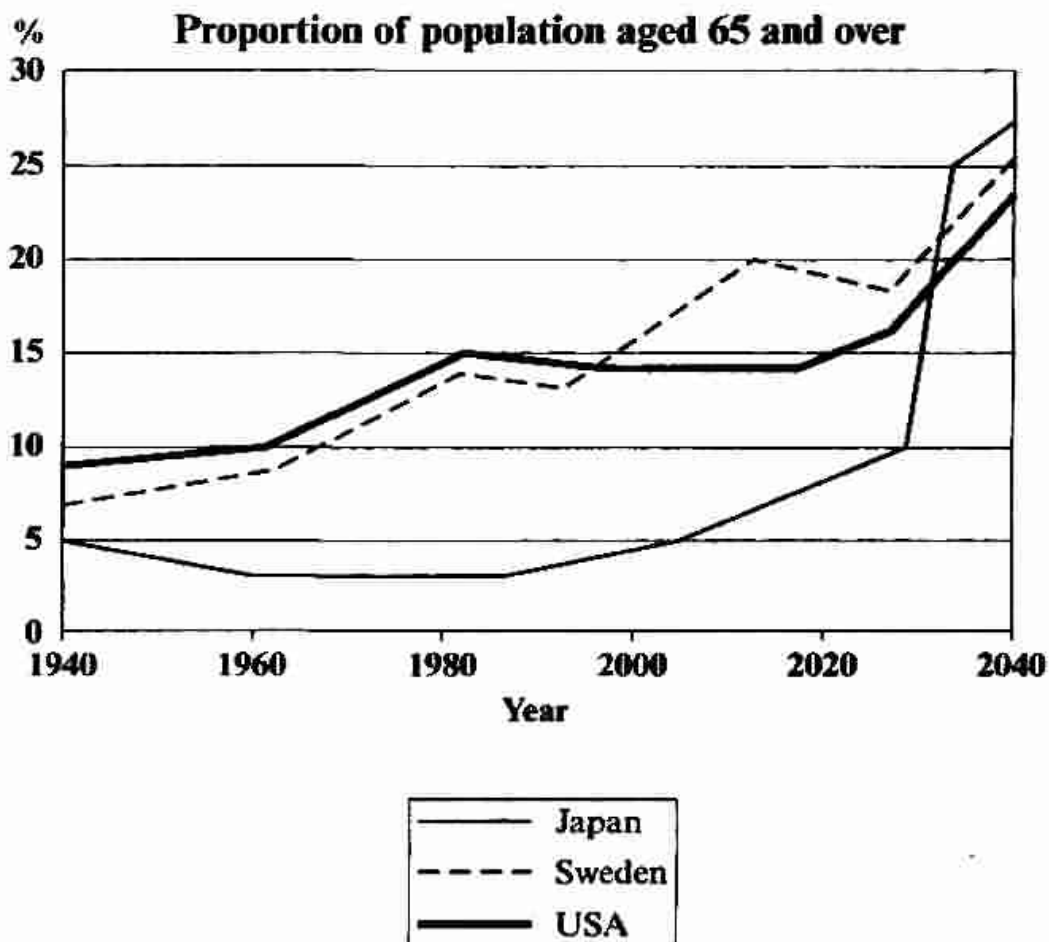
### WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The graph below shows the proportion of the population aged 65 and over between 1940 and 2040 in three different countries.*

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

Write at least 150 words.



The line graph provides an overview of actual and predicted numbers of the population aged sixty-five and above **growth in the percentage of people over the age of 65** in Japan, Sweden and America for the period 1940 to 2040 **projected**. It can be clearly seen that **there will be** a growth in the older population **will be on the way up**.

According to the graph, from 1940 to 1960 the numbers **proportion** of elderly people **hovered around 6-9%** **rose slightly to about 10%** in the USA and **about 8% in Sweden**. However, a moderate increase can **then** be seen, rising to approximately 15% **in the USA and 13% in Sweden** of those in **by** 1980. In the consequent **next** two decades **population growth the elderly population maintained stability remained stable at about 15%** in America, whereas a second **and significant** rise is observed in Sweden, **reaching its and is expected to reach peak of 20% of pensioners by 2015**. Furthermore, the USA and Sweden are expected to experience a **continued** expansion in the **ageing** population, **climbing to with old people constituting** around a quarter by the year 2040.

As regards to Japan, only 5% of the population was **in this area over 65** in 1940. Then, **this country had it** experienced a downward trend and the percentage of the older population **had fallen fell** to a mere 3% in 1960. **In the following three in a half decades the number of people reached a plateau and and remained at this level for the following 25 years**. In the year 2000 **figures the elderly population rose steadily slightly to 5%, the same level** (as it was in 1940). In addition, it is expected to surge dramatically, **to below with almost a third of the population being** senior citizens by 2040.

To sum up, **considering the data given the population growth in the proportion of elderly people of** (retirement age) will be on the rise in **the all** three countries, but Japan is estimated to have the highest level **percentage** of pensioners.

Notes:

1. Don't copy the graph title in the introduction. Use other words to describe what the graph shows.
2. The graph shows percentages NOT numbers so refer to percentages and proportions NOT numbers.
3. Don't use vague language. Be precise. eg As regards to Japan, only 5% of the population was **in this area over 65** in 1940.
4. Be accurate. Don't write things that are not true. eg **reaching its and is expected to reach peak of 20% of pensioners by 2015**. The peak occurs in 2040, NOT 2015.

Comments:

Overall, this is an acceptable answer and is well structured but would not score a high IELTS score as there are too many errors in reporting the information. However, there is some excellent vocabulary, such as, the older population fell to a mere 3%; surge dramatically; the next two decades; a downward trend., and there is some good use of synonyms too, for example, pensioners; senior citizens; elderly people.

Overall IELTS score: 5.0

# Model and sample answers for Writing tasks

## TEST 1, WRITING TASK 1

### MODEL ANSWER

This model has been prepared by an examiner as an example of a very good answer. However, please note that this is just one example out of many possible approaches.

The graph shows the increase in the ageing population in Japan, Sweden and the USA. It indicates that the percentage of elderly people in all three countries is expected to increase to almost 25% of the respective populations by the year 2040.

In 1940 the proportion of people aged 65 or more stood at only 5% in Japan, approximately 7% in Sweden and 9% in the US. However, while the figures for the Western countries grew to about 15% in around 1990, the figure for Japan dipped to only 2.5% for much of this period, before rising to almost 5% again at the present time.

In spite of some fluctuation in the expected percentages, the proportion of older people will probably continue to increase in the next two decades in the three countries. A more dramatic rise is predicted between 2030 and 2040 in Japan, by which time it is thought that the proportion of elderly people will be similar in the three countries.