Data commentary Preparation

The Study and Production of Texts

semester II – Isabella Martini – Week 4

Homework for week 5

- IELTS Masterclass p. 18: complete ex. 1, 2, 3 in your groups; ex. 8, 9 p. 19 in your groups.

- Write a 300-word data commentary of graphs p. 18, in your groups. Use the language of comparison (pp. 65, 66, 67 IELTS Masterclass).

- Students who were not present in class during Lesson 4, are asked to get in touch with other students and work in pairs.

Homework for test preparation

- IELTS Masterclass ex. 6 p. 67 (Unit 5) – individual; ex. 7 p. 127 (Unit 10) – individual.

- IELTS Masterclass p. 127 (Unit 10) – write a 300-word individual data commentary on the graphs of ex. 5, including all relevant structures and vocabulary (to be uploaded by week 9).

- Complete the exercises on the lecture notes.

Think, plan, write

5 Plan your answer to the Writing Task 1 question in 2. Think about these questions before you begin.

a How will you begin your description of the data?
b Are there any important comparisons to make between the charts? Which ones?
c Which segments or bars from each chart will you focus on? Why?
d Which chart will you describe first?
e What other comparisons will you include?
f Which verb tenses will you mainly use?

6 Write at least 150 words in answer to the question in 2. Use comparatives, superlatives, and other expressions you have learnt. Where appropriate, adapt phrases and sentences you have written in this section.

Think, plan, write

6 Read the Writing Task 1 below. What would be the best approach to describing this data set?

> The table below shows trends in captures of sea and ocean fish over a ten-year period.
>
> Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Marine fish: total capture (thousand metric tonnes)

	1989-1991	1999-2001
Asia, excluding Middle East	25,427	28,102
Europe	18,032	14,315
Middle East & North Africa	1,622	2,343
Sub-Saharan Africa	2,169	3,140
North America	5,069	3,995
Central America & Caribbean	1,445	1,377
South America	14,382	15,235
Oceania	602	944

Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

7 Write your answer to the writing task in at least 150 words. Use concession structures where appropriate.

5 Look at each of the data sets a–c below, which relate to three species of animal. What are the key points in the data? What would be the best approach to describing these in order to emphasize the key points?

A Global population for three species

Thousands

Animal 3

Animal 2

Animal 1

1905 1915 1925 1935 1945 1955 1965 1975 1985 1995 2005

B Composition of typical diet for two species

Animal 1: 48%, 21%, 25%, 6%

Animal 2: 42%, 33%, 17%, 8%

Mammals
Vegetation
Fish
Birds

C Distribution of three species across four habitats

Animal 1
Animal 2
Animal 3

Tropical forest   Temperate forest   Grasslands   Tundra