

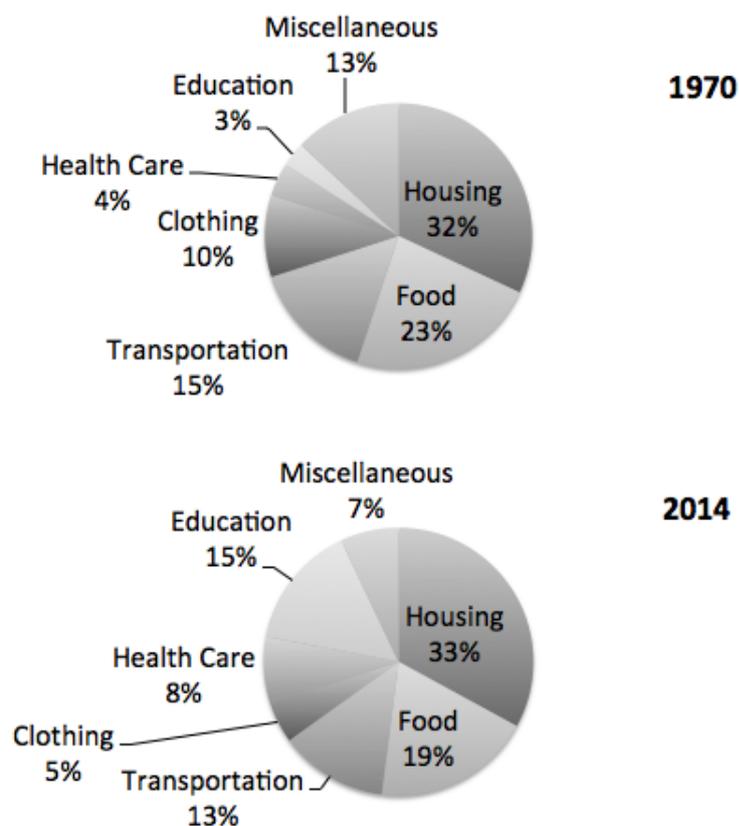
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The pie charts show the cost of raising a child to the age of 18 in Canadian cities in two different years.

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

Write at least 150 words.



MODEL ANSWER 8.5

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MODEL ANSWER 8.5 - GRAMMATICAL RANGE and ACCURACY

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