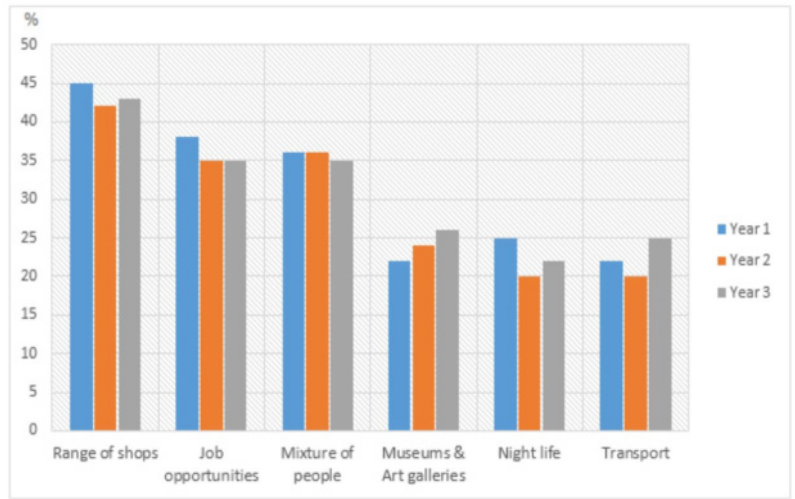


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**Task 1:** The bar chart below show the results of a survey conducted over a three-year period to discover what people who live in London think of the city. Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Word Count: 217



Show = demonstrate

Best things = best points

The bar chart demonstrates the opinions of Londoners about what are the best points of living there, according to the outcome of a 3-year long survey.

Result = outcome

People who live in London = Londoners

Overall, it can be clearly seen that range of shops was chosen as the most popular category out of the 6, with proportions of most aspects falling after 3 years except for museums, art galleries and transport.

Fall = dip = decrease = decline

In terms of the range of shops, almost a half of questioned people selected this as the best thing about living in London in year 1. This figure dipped moderately in year 2 to by 3% before bouncing back to 43% in the last year. Moving on to job opportunities, 38% of Londoners loved this the most about the city in the first year, which decreased to 35% in the second year and remained the same in the third observed year. Furthermore, this figure was incidentally the same as that of mixture of people when the survey ended.

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With regards to the remaining factors which had lower numbers in general, besides nightlife which experienced a moderate decline in popularity, museums and art galleries along with transport saw a minor climb of around 3% in its percentage. The former rose from 23% to 26% and the latter from 22% to 25% after the surveyed time frame.

Climb = rise

## Các từ nối (cohesive devices) được sử dụng:

Overall: nói chung

In terms of = with regards to: xét về

Moving on to: chuyển sang

Furthermore: hơn nữa

Besides: bên cạnh đó

## Từ vựng học thuật:

Bouncing back: tăng trở lại

Incidentally: ngẫu nhiên, tình cờ.

Category: lĩnh vực, mục

Observed: được quan sát

## Cấu trúc hay:

It can be clearly observed that

Before bouncing back to 43%

Which decreased to 35% in the second year

The former...the latter

Money = Fund = Budget = Financial backing

Spend on = Utilized for

Exploration = Venturing = expedition

**Task 2:** Some people think the money spent on developing technology for space exploration is not justified. However, there are more beneficial ways to spend this money. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Word count: 312

The golden age of space exploration has long since passed but countries over the world are still spending billions of dollars on venturing out of the Earth to do scientific experiment. *There have been some claims that* this is a waste of fund which can be utilized for more useful projects. **Although** this opinion does have some bases to it, I still believe that the world benefits greatly with space expedition.

Education = Teaching

*It cannot be disproved that* there are certain urgent problems that need more attention and funding from government and the public, *the first of which is* improving education system globally. **To elaborate**, a lot of nations nowadays face an educational crisis, where the quality of teaching is subpar and schools do not cover all of their territories. **Furthermore**, even in developed countries with space programmes, *there is a lack of* financial backing for education with underpaid teachers and mediocre facilities. **Secondly**, diverting budgets towards healthcare is also one of the most urgent needs for all countries, especially in the face of a pandemic that human beings are confronting.

**On the other hand**, extraterrestrial research is indispensable for advancing science and ensuring the survival of the human race. *The most important reason is that* the Earth is unlikely to remain habitable forever and human will have to migrate to another planet whether we like it or not. **As a result**, we cannot wait until catastrophic events happen to research about our final destination in outerspace but begin scientific work since today. *Another no less important reason is that* many daily technologies that many people are currently using such as water filtration, solar cells, firefighting equipment... came from the space race of the past century.

**In conclusion**, although investing in astronomy provides multiple long-term benefits to mankind, sparing budget for other critical social issues is more important to the world at the moment.

### **Các từ nối (cohesive devices) được sử dụng:**

*Although: mặc dù*  
*To elaborate: nói chi tiết thêm*  
*Furthermore: hơn nữa*  
*Secondly: thứ hai*  
*On the other hand: bên cạnh đó*  
*As a result: kết quả là*  
*In conclusion: kết luận lại*

### **Từ vựng học thuật:**

*The golden age: thời kỳ huy hoàng*  
*Urgent: khẩn cấp*  
*Subpar: dưới mức chuẩn*  
*Crisis: khủng hoảng*  
*Mediocre: tầm thường*  
*Pandemic: đại dịch*  
*Indispensable: không thể thiếu*  
*Catastrophic: thảm họa*  
*Astronomy: thiên văn học*

### **Cấu trúc hay:**

*There have been some claims that*  
*It cannot be disproved that*  
*The first of which is*  
*There is a lack of*  
*The most important reason is that*  
*Another no less important reason is that*