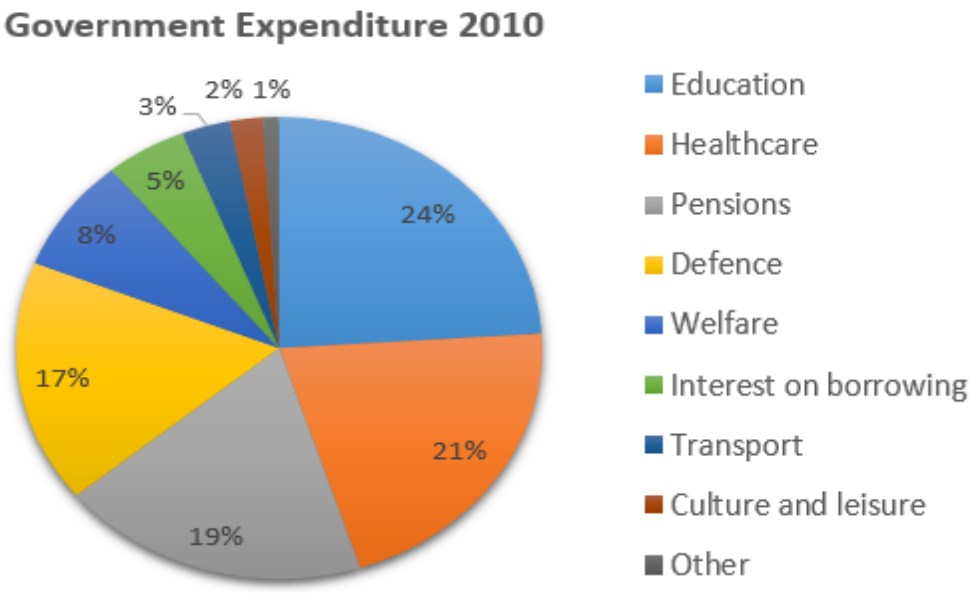
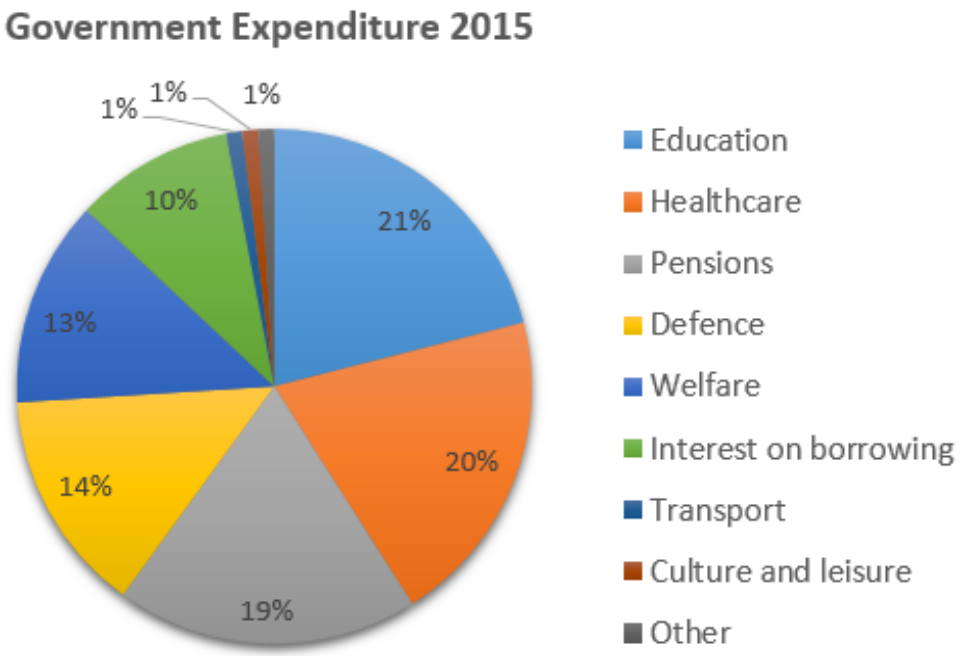
ACADEMIC WRITING TASK 1 – PIE CHART





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The charts show the percentage breakdown of government spending across nine categories in 2010 and 2015. Over the five-year period, there were significant changes in expenditure. (introduction is paraphased)

In both years, the four largest areas of government expenditure were: education, healthcare, pensions, and defense, with education taking the largest share (24% in 2010 and 21% in 2015). The smallest areas of expenditure were transport, culture and leisure and "other". Interest on borrowing and spending on welfare lay in between. (main features depicted)

Interestingly, between 2010 and 2015, spending on all four of the largest areas had dropped, with the exception of pensions, which remained the same at 19%. Spending on transport and culture and leisure also plunged significantly, with the transport budget declining by two thirds. On the other hand, spending on welfare and interest on government borrowing surged markedly, with the latter doubling over the five-year period to 10%. (individual features followed by percentage estimations)

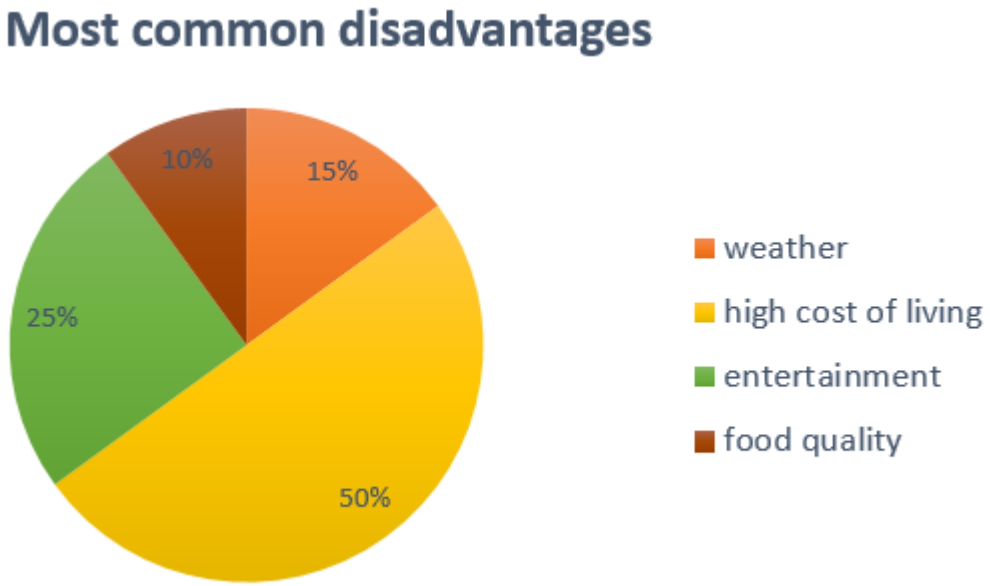
Overall, the charts indicate that the government had to cut expenditure in most areas in order to fund the cost of borrowing and welfare. (concluding statements with respect to the chart)

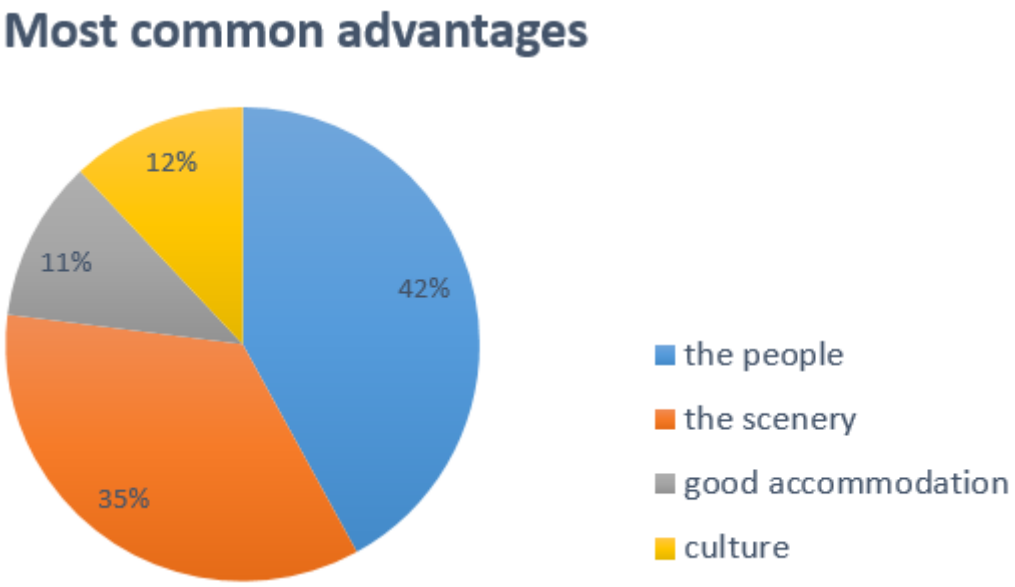
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PIE CHART 2:

The pie charts below show the most common advantages and disadvantages of Bowen Island, according to a survey of visitors.

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





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The two pie charts show the aspects of Bowen Island that tourists enjoy the most and the least. (Introduction paraphrased)

Bowen Island attracts tourists with popular scenic features like the scenery and the people, with more than two thirds of the visitors to the island listing these as the greatest advantages. The standard of accommodation on the island appears to be more than sufficient, with 11% of respondents listing this as an advantage. 12% of visitors claim that the culture of the island is a major attraction. (mention about the positive aspects with examples)

When it comes to the negative aspects of the island, the high cost of living, poor weather and the quality or lack of entertainment are the worst of these. Together, these three categories make up 90% of the total disadvantages. Despite the high costs on the island, 10% of the visitors complained of poor food quality. (mention about the negatives followed by examples)

Overall, it appeared that most people liked Bowen Island because of the scenery and people. However, the nature of the island combined with the high cost of living, made it unlikely to appeal to everyone. (Concluding sentence without including opinion)

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