

WRITING TASK 1

The line chart illustrates the number of inquiries sent to the Tourist Information Office in a particular city via three **means of communication**, between January and June in 2011.

It is clear that visitors to the city made more inquiries in person and via telephone, while written letters and emails became the least common choices. Additionally, the number of enquiries in person experienced the most dramatic change among the different options.

In January, the Tourist Information Office received 900 telephone enquiries, while just under 800 letters and emails were received. Not many tourists chose to ask for information in person, with just over 400 queries. Over the next three months, the telephone still remained the most popular method of enquiry, at approximately 1000 queries. Meanwhile, the number of enquiries made in person saw considerable growth to 800, **surpassing** the figures for emails and **postal enquires**. From March to June, enquiries in person were the most common method of inquiry. By June, the number of in person enquiries **soared** by more than 1,000 to peak at 1,900. During this period, there was also a significant rise in the figure for telephone enquiries, from 1000 to 1600. By contrast, fewer people sent emails or letters to make enquiries, with slightly less than 400 enquiries in May and June.

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WRITING TASK 2

Some people argue that playing team sports provides people with more benefits as opposed to participating in individual sports. Personally, I believe that both types of sports can provide a range of benefits to people, and it depends on what benefits each individual wishes to achieve as to which sport they should choose to play.

On the one hand, team sports, such as football and basketball, provide a number of benefits to those who play. For example, team sports give players **the opportunity to develop interpersonal skills**, like **teamwork and communication skills**, which will not only help people in their **day-to-day social interactions** but also **benefit them in their workplace**. In addition, team sports also offer players the

chance to **develop a sense of unity, friendship, and sportsmanship between teammates**, which can really **add value to people's lives** by making them **feel a part of something**.

On the other hand, individual sports, like tennis and swimming, also have their merits. When someone plays an individual sport, it usually gives them more opportunities to **enhance their personal skills**, such as being able to **manage emotions, cope with stress**, and **build confidence and self-esteem**. When people are playing an individual sport, they usually have no one else to rely on for support during the game or match, and therefore, individuals will need to **develop a strong mindset** to be able to deal with and **overcome any setbacks they may face**. Individual sports also provide better opportunities for people **to challenge themselves** by **setting goals** and **achieving personal bests**.

Overall, I feel that all sports offer great benefits for people's **mental and physical health**, and that people should choose whatever sport they are most interested in playing.

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