

## WRITING TASK 1

The table provides information about the workforce in silk production, in two countries, England and Wales, over a period of 50 years, starting from 1851.

It is clear that the total number of silk workers in the two countries declined over the period, and that significantly more women were employed than men in this industry. Also, the number of silk manufacturing factories increased over the 50 year period, despite some **fluctuations**.

In 1851, the silk workforce was **at its peak**, with 130,750 employees, including 76,786 females and approximately 54,000 males. In contrast, the number of silk factories was at its lowest in 1851, at only 272. However, ten years later, the number of silk factories had almost **tripled**, reaching 761, while the total number of employees experienced a significant fall of over 20,000 people.

Over the following 40 years, the total number of female and male workers gradually decreased throughout the period, to 25,567 and 13,375 respectively, which resulted in a drop in the total number of employees, at 38,942 in 1901. Meanwhile, the number of silk factories experienced a gradual decline over these 40 years, from 761 in 1861 to 623 in 1901.

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## WRITING TASK 2

In recent years, there have been a number of everyday problems that people in big cities have to cope with. This essay will discuss two major problems, pollution and information overload, which I believe should lead governments **to encourage people to** move to regional areas.

These days, increased levels of pollution have been a great cause for concern among residents of big cities. Due to **high volumes of traffic**, large quantities of pollutants are being released into the atmosphere, causing the **degradation of air quality**, which is said to be a **significant contributor** to various types of **respiratory disease**, such as lung cancer. Additionally, people in big cities are being **bombarded with** too much information from the media, including TV, social media, and advertising, with a large proportion of this information being fake or exaggerated. This can lead to confusion or, in some cases, **social anarchy**.

In my opinion, governments should do what they can to encourage city residents to move to regional areas. Firstly, it will reduce the number of vehicles in cities, which will definitely reduce the levels of air pollution, which is hazardous to the health of citizens. Furthermore, fewer people living in big cities will relieve the pressure on the housing supply, where many people are forced to live in small, uncomfortable spaces. Studies have shown that people's living spaces **have a direct impact on** their mental health and how they perform at work.

In conclusion, severe air pollution and a bombardment of information are among the most serious problems facing city residents nowadays, and personally, I feel that authorities should encourage people to relocate to other areas to live.

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