



Practice Test 11

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task. The table below gives information about the underground railway systems in six cities.

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

Write at least 150 words

Sample Answer

The table **illustrates the data on** underground networks in six major cities in the world. Overall, the networks in London, Paris and Tokyo are older, have longer routes and serve a larger number of passengers every year, compared with those in Washington DC, Kyoto and Los Angeles.

Established in 1863, London Underground is the oldest and has the longest line length of route amongst the six with 394km, **twice as much as** the second-longest system in Paris, and serves 775 million passengers per year. The underground networks in Paris and Tokyo were opened in the first few decades of the 20th century and have 199 and 155 km of route **respectively**, which are **far less than** the network in London. However, these two systems have far more customers than that in London, with Tokyo underground being the busiest with 1927 million yearly.

The three less busy underground systems are those in Washington DC, Kyoto and Los Angeles, with the passengers per year figures of 144, 45 and 50 million respectively, **which are just fractions of the figures for** London, Paris and Tokyo. The



newest system is in Los Angeles, which only began to operate at the turn of the new millennium, and has 28km of the route. Both of those in Washington DC and Kyoto started to serve customers in the late 20th century, but while Washington has a relatively long underground route of 126km, the length of Kyoto underground is just 11km, the shortest amongst the six networks.

Vocabulary

- Illustrates the data on
- Twice as much as
- Respectively
- Far less than
- Which are just fractions of the figures for

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