



Practice Test 8

The table below shows the results of surveys In 2000, 2005 and 2010 about one university.

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

Percentage of students giving good ratings for different aspects of a university

Teaching Quality

Print Resources

Electronic Resources

Range of Modules Offered

Building/Teaching Facilities

Sample Answer

The table shows the change in attitude, over ten years, of students at a particular university to different aspects of its academic provision.



Overall, the most striking set of statistics related to approval for electronic resources. There was a sharp increase in the number of students giving these resources a good rating, particularly in the first five years: from 45 percent in 2000 to 72 percent in 2005, and 88 percent in 2010. There was also an overall improvement in ratings for teaching quality, though the increase was relatively small (65 percent in 2000 rising to 69 percent in 2010) and there was a decline in the interim (63 percent in 2005). There was also a fluctuation in attitudes to print resources, rising from 87 percent to 89 percent in the first five years and then falling by one percent in 2010. Good ratings for the university's buildings and teaching facilities were identical throughout, at 77 percent. Finally, there were poor ratings at the beginning of the period for the range of modules offered (32 percent in 2000) and they got worse, falling steadily from to 30 percent in 2005 and 27 percent in 2010.

Vocabulary

- Striking
- Sharp increase
- Overall improvement
- Relatively small
- Fluctuation
- Falling steadily
- At the beginning of the period

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