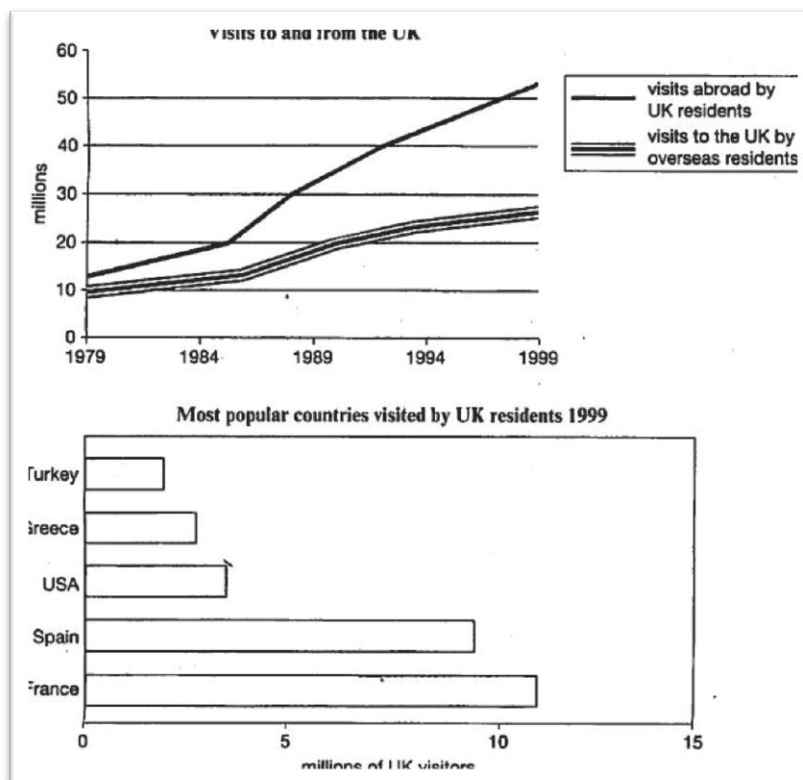


Academic Writing Task 1

The charts below give information about travel to and from the UK, and about the most popular countries for UK residents to visit.

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



Answer by E. Tahasoni:

The first diagram compares changes in the number of British tourists who travelled abroad with that of foreign visitors to the United Kingdom over the last 20 years of the previous century.

According to the graph, the former initially stood at more than 12 million and grew six-fold at the end of the survey. In comparison, the latter number was slightly less than that of the British tourists at the beginning of this period and experienced similar yet less intensive trends, reaching approximately half as high by the end of the century.

The bar chart reveals the top 5 countries visited by the British in the last year of the 20th century.

It can be observed that while France and Spain absorbed the largest numbers of British tourists with about 11 and 9 million visits respectively, Turkey was the least popular among the five, visited by only about 30% as many British as France.

To sum up, tourism from and to the United Kingdom boomed in the 1980s and 90s. Moreover, most of the trips made by the British abroad were to 5 countries only.

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