

# Writing Task 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The graph below gives information about Dubai gold sales in 2002.*

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



## Sample answer by Ebrahim Tahasoni:

The graph illustrates how gold sales in Dubai fluctuated over a period of 12 months. It is observed that in the first month of 2002, gold sales stood at 200 million dirhams and rose slightly to reach about 225 million in February. This was followed by another increase, although much steeper, in March when sales were almost 125 million dirhams higher than February. However, this upward trend was suddenly broken and sales plummeted dramatically over the next 4 months to reach a little over 100 million dirhams in July. August sales showed a significant rise back to January levels as figures nearly doubled, but this was not to last as they dropped again in September to the same level as they were in July. October came with a small increase of about 100 million dirhams in sales, after which sales figures levelled off and remained relatively static over the last two months of 2002.

Overall, gold sales in Dubai remained relatively unchanged in 2002 as January and December sales were fairly equal. Also, sales were at their highest in March while the weakest sales figures could be observed in July and September.

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