



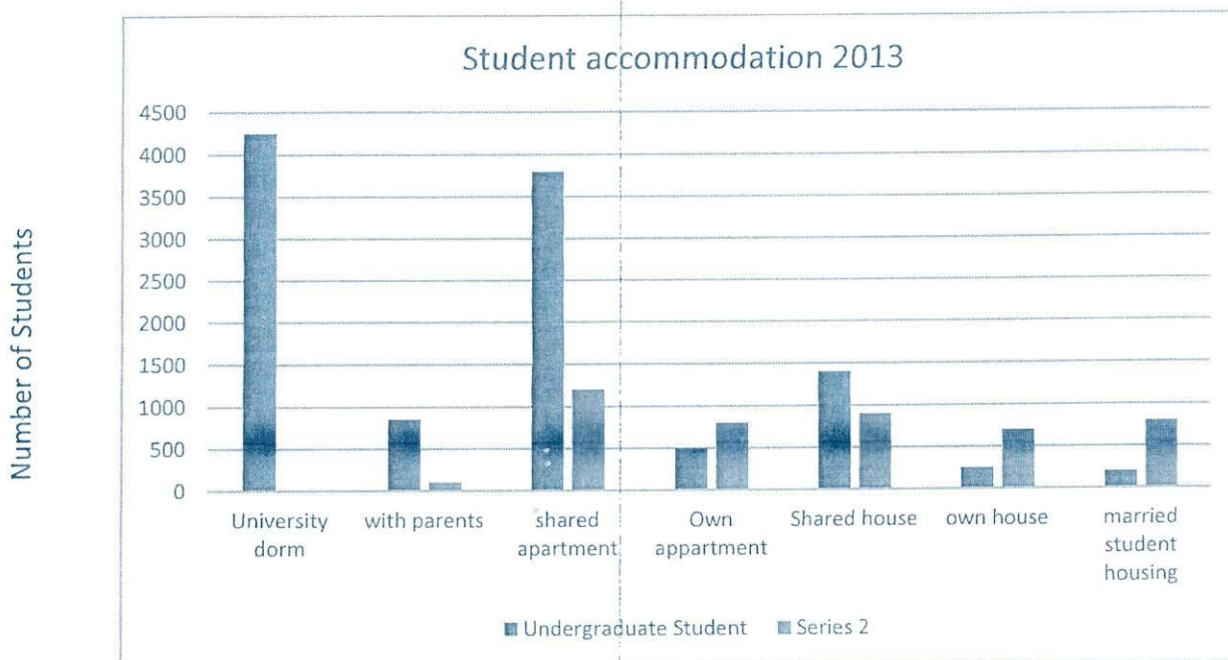
- Please Answer All Questions
- Please Organize your writing in the Answer Sheet.

- Questions 1+2+3 final out of 50 marks
- Question 4 midterm out of 20 marks

Question 1: (15 marks)

The graph below provides information about student accommodation at one US university in 2013.

- Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.



Question 2: (20marks)

Write a well-developed **argumentative essay** stating your opinion in not less than 250 words. Pay attention to the organization of your ideas, vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

“However, it is clear that as computers approach human ability to reason, as specialized programs develop, and as robots become more reliable, there will be more circumstances in which replacing a person with a robot is not just the most efficient choice, but the most ethical one.”



Question 3: (15 marks)

- Restate the following using the general techniques of Summarization:

The debate on whether Australia will have a nation-wide carbon trading scheme ended last week with the government committed to a national emissions scheme from 2012. However, the decision making as to how we power the economy in a carbon constrained world is only just beginning. Fossil fuels like coal and oil have underpinned our economic growth and standard of living for decades. The current resources boom is there because other countries want our fossil fuels, and for all these reasons it is profitable to keep mining them. Ironically, the income may help develop the technologies to replace them, but it is a matter of which and when. Almost certainly, in the race to reduce emissions, new technologies such as solar, wind and geothermal (heat from rocks) power will compete against gas, clean coal and perhaps nuclear energy to win the hearts and minds of the business world. In the end, business will favor whatever is a cheap, abundant and reliable solution. You can imagine the lobbying that will ensue from the different interest groups, to attract business capital and government support so that their technology wins out. There may be many collapsed ventures and lost fortunes along the way.

Question 4: (Midterm Question out of 20 marks)

Restate the following using the general techniques of Paraphrasing:

Many great inventions are initially greeted with ridicule and disbelief. The invention of the airplane was no exception. Although many people who heard about the first powered flight on December 17, 1903 were excited and impressed, others reacted with peals of laughter. The idea of flying an aircraft was repulsive to some people. Such people called Wilbur and Orville Wright, the inventors of the first flying machine, impulsive fools. Negative reactions, however, did not stop the Wrights. Impelled by their desire to succeed, they continued their experiments in aviation. Orville and Wilbur Wright had always had a compelling interest in aeronautics and mechanics. As young boys they earned money by making and selling kites and mechanical toys. Later, they designed a newspaper-folding machine, built a printing press, and operated a bicycle-repair shop. In 1896, when they read about the death of Otto Lilienthal, the brothers' interest in flight grew into a compulsion.

Best of Luck

