

Percentage of the population living in cities

SAMPLE ESSAY		NOTES
INTRO	The line chart compares the changes in	
	urban population changes among	
	Philippine, Malaysia, Thailand, and	
	Indonesia from 1970 to 2020, along with	
	predictions for the future trend.	
OVER VIEW	It is clear that the proportion of urban	
	residents in all four countries has	
	experienced significant growth over the	
	past five decades and is likely to continue	
	increasing over the next two decades.	
DETAIL 1	In 1970, the Philippines held the top	
	position with a city population of 30%,	
	while Indonesia lagged behind at only	
	15%, ranking fourth. However, by 1990,	
	Malaysia had surpassed the Philippines	
	and maintained its leading position until	
	the present. Additionally, Indonesia's	
	urban population experienced a	
	remarkable surge, surpassing Thailand in	
	2000 with a population of 28% and	
	outstripping the Philippines in 2010 with a	
	40% urban residency rate, currently	
	holding the second position.	
DETAIL 2	Looking ahead, it is expected that the	
	urban residency rates of these countries	
	will continue to rise in the next two	
	decades. However, the ranking of the	
	countries in terms of urban population	
	might remain stable.	