WRITING TASK 1 FITNESS ACTIVITIES

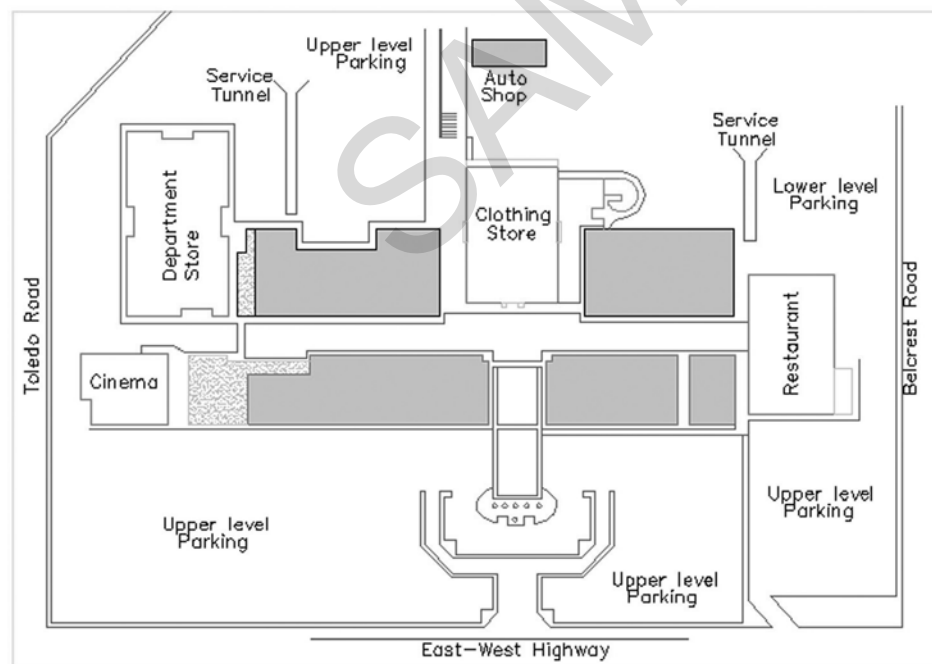**Before you start**

The fitness activities in this section offer you quick practice at the different task types you may encounter in the IELTS Writing test. It's also a chance to use some of the tips from the Writing chapter earlier in our book.
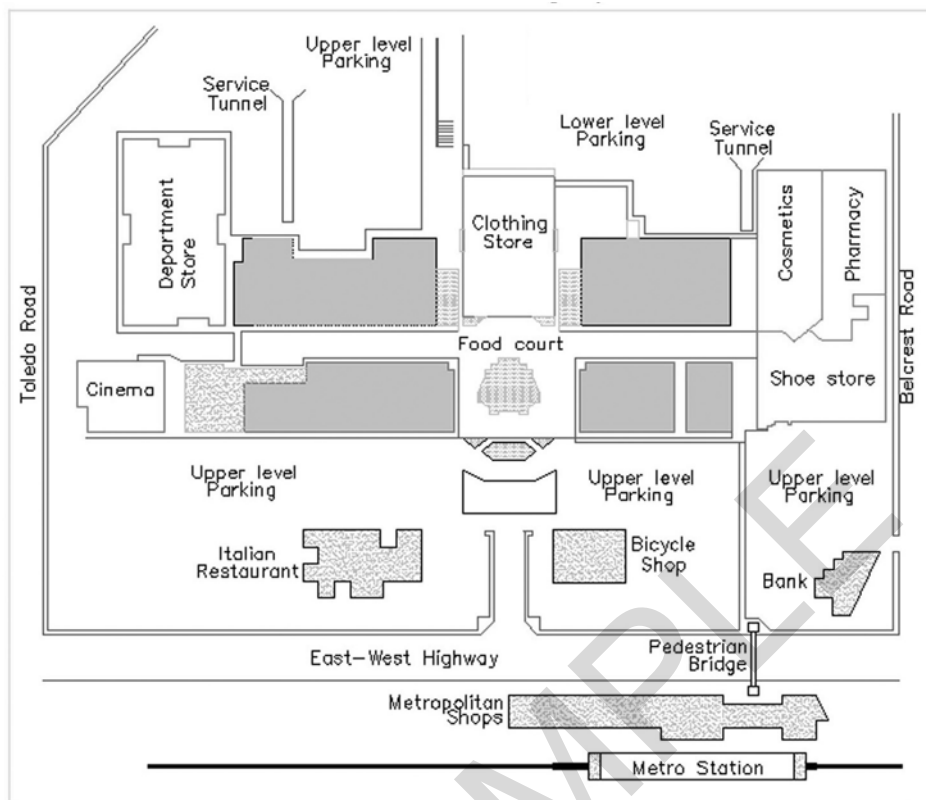
With the help of these fitness activities you will build awareness of key elements of different Task 1 reports. Work through each section, noting the different aspects of the report being focused on. When you are practising a Task 1 report under exam conditions, try asking yourself similar questions as part of **managing and improving your written response.**

TASK TYPE » Map

Fountain Gate Shopping Centre, 1980

Fountain Gate Shopping Centre, 2008

Task Question

The maps show changes to the Fountain Gate Shopping Centre between 1980 and 2008.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the key features, and make any relevant comparisons.

Write at least 150 words.

Fitness Activities 1–21 for a Map type task

Activities 1–6 will help you to get started and build the Introduction:

1   How many paragraphs seem better suited for a good response?

a) 3
b) 4
c) 5

2   What is the function of the first paragraph (The Introduction)?

a) Introduce the task.
b) Introduce the task and say how many paragraphs the response will have.
c) Introduce the task and give an overview of what the maps show.

3   What should you do in the first paragraph?

a) copy the words exactly from the task
b) change as many words as you can
c) change all the words in the task

4   An 'overview' here is:

a) a sentence summarising the most important changes
b) an opinion about why the changes happened
c) a prediction about what will happen in the future

5   A suitable length for the Introduction should be approximately:

a) 60 words (5-6 sentences)
b) 30 words (2-3 sentences)
c) 15 words (1-2 sentences)

6   The verb tense for the first sentence should be:

a) The maps showed
b) The maps are showing
c) The maps show