

STEP 1.20

Over to you: Writing Task 1 Model Answer

The bar chart shows the proportion of men and women who taught in seven different faculties of a particular university in 2012.

There was a large gender disparity in some faculties: engineering was dominated by male academics whereas education had the highest percentage of female academics. Notably, 85% of the engineering teachers were male and only 15% female. Three quarters of the academic staff in education were women, with just 25% males.

However, other faculties were more balanced in their composition. In medicine, gender representation was almost equal, while in arts subjects slightly more than half the academics were female (55%). It is interesting to note that business and science had the same proportions of men and women, with 65% male to 35% female academics in those faculties. Law had a slightly higher percentage of women at 40%.

Although the faculties of engineering, business, science and law were still primarily male-dominated in 2012, women made up half the faculty of medicine and were predominant in education and arts.

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