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Diagrams challenge the candidate's ability to describe data that is spatially or chronologically sensitive, such as the water heating process outlined in Figure 2.6. In most instances, the broad detail is a macro description of the cycle or process and what it produces, in this case hot water via solar energy. The minor details organise the diagram's smaller components or stages into compartmentalised regions, and these regions may dictate the topics used to paragraph the response. For example, the three base components that make up the apparatus — namely the solar heater, the electric boiler, and the water tank — could be thought of as separate minor details and designated paragraphs accordingly. Precise references to specific components or minuscule steps that exemplify the processes at work within the the minor details would be classified as the minute details.

This diagram illustrates the process through which household water can be heated by solar energy. Summarise this diagram for a university lecturer.

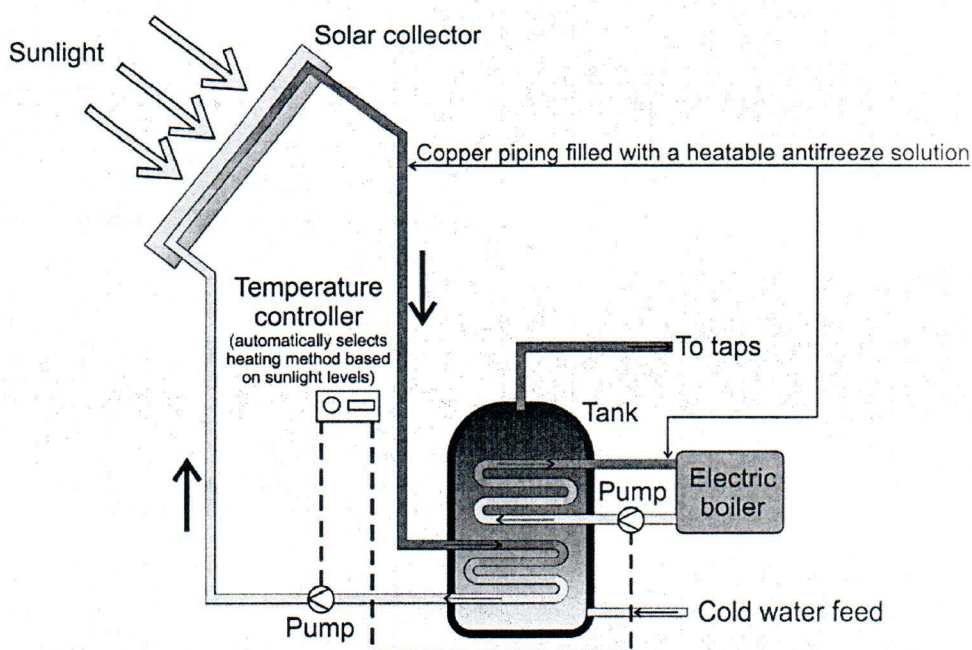


Fig. 2.6.

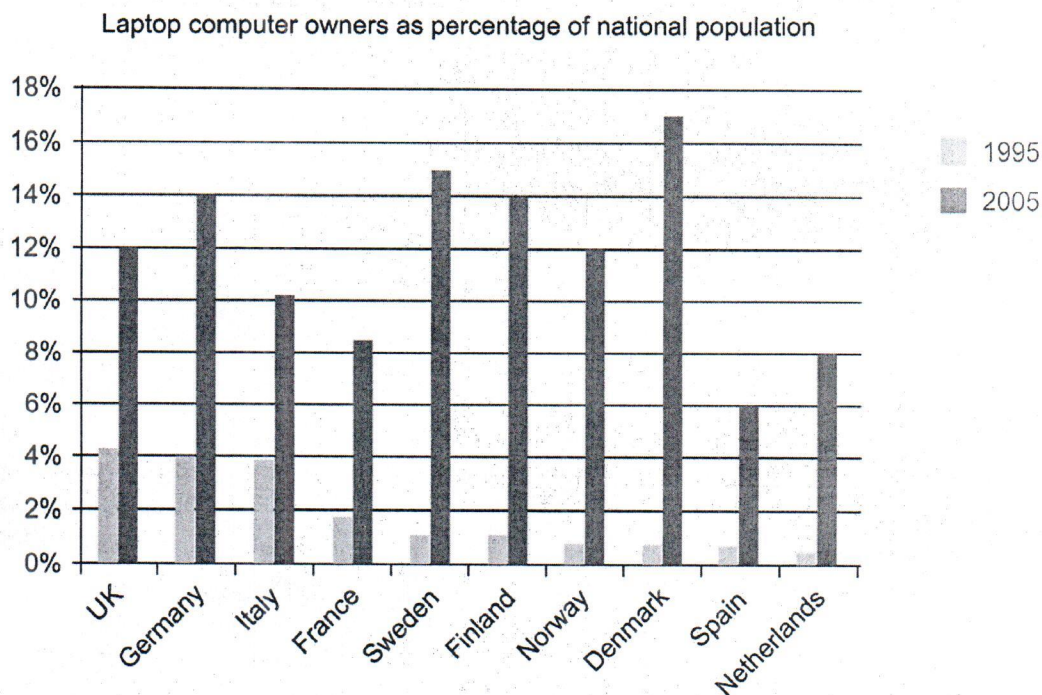
Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Try it yourself! (Answers)

The sentences in the below response are out of order. Number the sentences appropriately. The first sentence has been done for you.

- _____ 6 _____ It then carries on to a substation for a further increase to the voltage, a step that better allows the energy to be transmitted over long distances.
- _____ 1 _____ This diagram illustrates the harvesting of wind energy.
- _____ 2 _____ The process is linear in nature and not cyclical and appears to have five major phases.
- _____ 3 _____ Firstly, wind blows into the rotor blades of an apparatus that is encased in solid steel and sits atop a tower.
- _____ 7 _____ A local transformer receives the transferred energy and reduces its voltage for public consumption.
- _____ 5 _____ This energy is then channelled along power cables to a transformer at the base of the tower, which increases the energy's voltage in preparation for transmission to a substation.
- _____ 4 _____ These rotor blades follow the wind's direction via a wind vane attached to the back of the apparatus. Their spinning rotates an interior axle which produces energy via a generator.

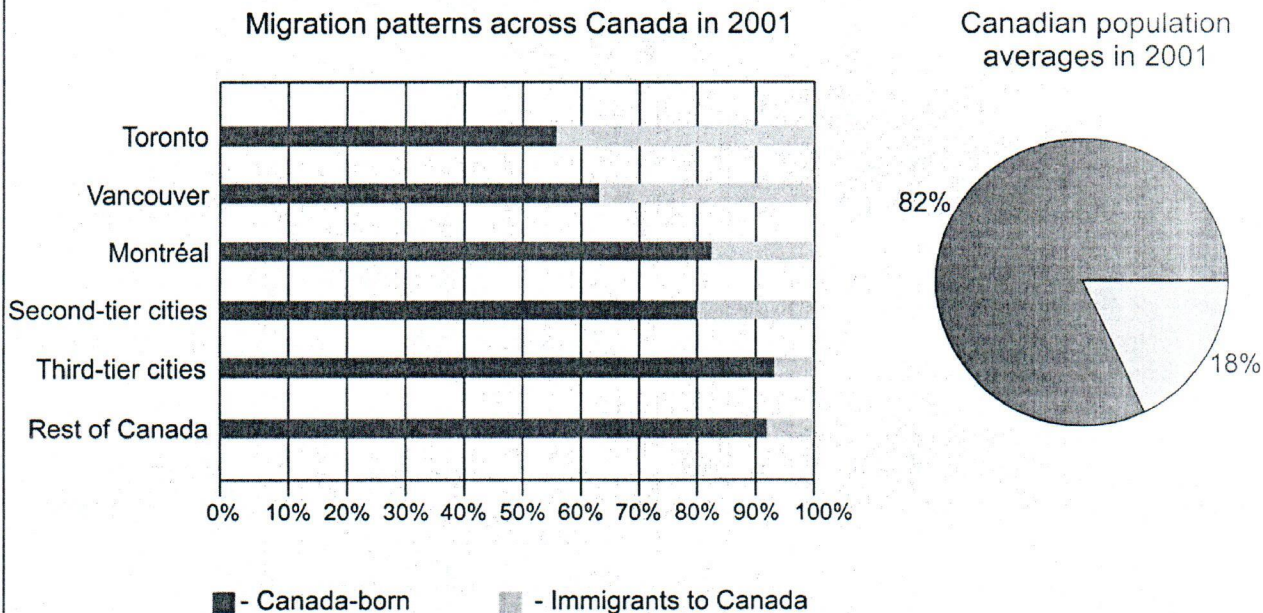
The graph below describes laptop computer ownership in several European countries. Write a report for a university lecturer that describes this process. Make comparisons where relevant.



The bar chart shows the percentage of people in ten European countries who owned laptops in 1995 and 2005. Overall, laptop ownership increased substantially in all ten countries, though the growth was most marked in Denmark and lowest in Spain.

2. Look at the below task and answer the following questions.

The graphs below describe immigration demographics in Canada in 2001. Summarise this information in a report. Make comparisons where relevant.



Source: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/>

a. What two source types are seen? _____

b. What broad trend is created between them?
