3.3 TABLES

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below gives information on consumer spending on different items in five different countries in 2002.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Percentage of national consumer expenditure by category – 2002

Country	Food/Drinks/Tobacco	Clothing/Footwear	Leisure/Education
Ireland	28.91%	6.43%	2.21%
Italy	16.36%	9.00%	3.20%
Spain	18.80%	6.51%	1.98%
Sweden	15.77%	5.40%	3.22%
Turkey	32.14%	6.63%	4.35%

• A table can contain data like pie charts, graphs and bar charts that are not related to a specific item in the past. Follow the steps described for these charts.

• The presentation of information in tables can seem overwhelming. Don't panic! There is a simple way round this. If the table gives a lot of data over a number of years, at the end of the line draw a rough graph line to indicate the trend . Do this quickly for each item in the table. This means that you won't have to look at each number every time you want to analyse a line.

• Because the numbers are given for each year, don't be tempted to include each individual piece of information.

• Use general trends/statements, backed up by data as in the graphs. Sometimes highlight special changes/developments.