

Test 4

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In the future all cars, buses and trucks will be driverless. The only people travelling inside these vehicles will be passengers.

Do you think the advantages of driverless vehicles outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Scientific and technical innovation is rapidly ~~being developed~~ progressing in ~~the today's~~ modern world ~~today~~, aiming to make ~~people's lives~~ life more convenient. One ~~brand of new~~ novel products is self-driving vehicles, which will likely dominate the future car market. It is my firm belief that although driverless vehicles will offer ~~some~~ decided advantages, these will be outweighed by the disadvantages.

In my opinion, ~~developing~~ driverless vehicles ~~into becoming the dominant~~ nting trend for future transportation does have the advantage of providing more convenience for passengers. In the future, people will no longer have to spend months ~~struggling to learn~~ how to drive, and there will also be no need to worry about passing examinations to obtain a driver's license. Additionally, having a self-driving car saves ~~more the owner~~ time ~~for the owner~~. For instance, current traffic jams in major cities ~~could often~~ last for hours. While the car is ~~being~~ lodged in traffic and ~~inching forward~~, the driver usually ~~cannot do anything, except for~~ must keeping their eyes on the road ~~and inching along~~. In the future with driverless vehicles, however, the passenger will be free to use these hours for completing other tasks, ~~for instance, such as~~ completing unfinished reports from work, or simply relaxing.

Even though driverless cars ~~possess legitimate~~ will have their advantages, I still believe they will bring ~~more greater~~ disadvantages. First of all, ~~the safety of passengers will be under less assurance~~ there are increased safety concerns. If the automated vehicle in question ~~obtains~~ has a glitch in its control system, then passengers will be powerless to prevent an accident, since they ~~will may~~ have no way ~~of or time to~~ takeing control of the vehicle. For example, if the vehicle is driving itself along a mountain road in a sparsely-inhabited area, and the system is suddenly ~~invaded~~ infected by a virus, then even if the passengers survive ~~the a~~ crash, assistance might only be able to arrive after several hours. Furthermore, driverless vehicles will ~~completely obliterate~~ jeopardize the career prospects ~~for of future drivers~~ jobs related to driving. Bus drivers, truck drivers, and taxi drivers all around the world will be gradually deprived of their

Comment [Dave1]: economic advantages -

Comment [Dave2]: safety disadv

Comment [Dave3]: switch it to the noun / noun phrase

Comment [Dave4]: advance

Comment [Dave5]: some

Comment [Dave6]: clear opinion – great!

Comment [Dave7]: driverless/autonomous/self-driving vehicles possess ...

Comment [Dave8]: individual / potential motorists / citizens / the general public / motorists/drivers

Comment [Dave9]: struggling a little strong

Comment [Dave10]: detail is really good

Comment [Dave11]: sometimes a short sentence

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Comment [Dave13]: good

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Comment [Dave15]: ranging from ... and ... to ... and ...

Comment [Dave16]: formal enough - including

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Comment [Dave18]: 2 advantages – so fine

Comment [Dave19]: shows that you respect the other side

Comment [Dave20]: more significant

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Comment [Dave22]: slightly more complex/subtle

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Comment [Dave25]: strange situation – but ok

jobs, since they will no longer be needed as driverless vehicles ~~take over~~ become ubiquitous/pervasive/more common.

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In conclusion, the advantages of driverless vehicles include making ~~people's lives~~ the average citizen's life more convenient, in terms of ~~saving more~~ conserving time and effort. However, these are far outweighed by the disadvantages, regarding ~~passengers'~~ safety and ~~less~~ fewer job opportunities.

Comment [Dave26]: over-use commas

Comment [Dave27]: most plural possessives can be changed into compound noun

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TA: 8

CC: 7

V: 7

G: 7

Overall: 7/7.5