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DISCURSIVE ESSAY

Are women better drivers than men?

1– Fill in the gaps with correct word from the box below:

Overall - overtaking – for example – indecisive -awareness – reasons - In particular - confidence - calm – responsible - Secondly – aggressive - However – views - therefore - cautious – personality

1

Some people believe that women are better drivers than men ..... others think that women make worse drivers. In one survey of 3000 male drivers in the UK, most felt they were better drivers than the woman in their lives. The idea that women make worse drivers is a stereotype. It comes from a time when women drove less than men. There are different ..... on this controversial question, although there are a number of ..... why a woman's personality makes her a more competent driver.

2

Firstly, women are more patient and polite towards other road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists. In stressful situations they are more likely to stay ..... , and less likely to be involved in road rage incidents. ..... , female drivers are more ..... and therefore take fewer risks, for instance when ..... . Thirdly, they are more ..... so they tend not to drive when they are tired at night.

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On the other hand, many people argue that women cause accidents because they can be ..... Or react slowly because they lack ..... . In addition they are easily distracted ,..... , by children in the car, scenery or other drivers . Research shows that women find map reading more difficult than men, and they can have problems with the difference between left and right. Despite the fact that women have more accidents, they tend to be minor and so they don't result in expensive insurance claims. ..... women have more accidents when parking. This is because women often have poor spatial ..... . In contrast, men tend to have more serious accident

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To sum up, it can be seen that women make safer drivers than men because of their ..... . This is supported by the fact that women have fewer serious accidents. ..... , it is clear that women are less competitive and ..... than men behind the wheel and, ..., they are better drivers.

2 – Look again at the essay (Are women better drivers than men ?) Match ideas A–D with paragraphs 1–4 :

A – Conclusion and opinion. ( )

B – Arguments for. ( )

C – Introduce the topic. ( )

D – Arguments against. ( )

3 – Linkers : Look at the linking words in the table below and decide which of them are used to do the following:

1- List / Add points

2- Introduce examples

3- Show contrast

4- Introduce a conclusion

To sum up	**such as**	**however**	**firstly**
Overall	**for instance**	**although**	**secondly**
All in All	**for example**	**on the other hand**	**Thirdly**
To conclude	**in particular**	**despite the fact**	**in addition**
In conclusion	**Specially**	**in contrast**	**moreover**

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