8 **Read the article about electric cars. Six sentences are missing from the article. Choose from the sentences A–F the one which fits each gap.**

A few years ago everyone was talking about the new electric cars. These cars were cleaner and quieter and they were going to be the answer to our pollution problems. (1) ..... Why aren't our roads full of electric cars? Why are we still sending out huge amounts of pollution into the atmosphere and using oil faster than the oil companies can produce it?

There are several reasons. (2) ..... They are available. There are many different models and every year another, newer type of electric car is designed. Last year, more than ten new models of electric car were introduced. (3) ..... Although many of the faster, sporty-looking models are expensive – for example, the new Tesla costs 130,000 dollars – there are plenty of cheaper types for sale. So what is the reason?

Experts say that it's mainly because electric cars can't travel very far before we need to charge their batteries and there aren't enough charging points at the moment. (4) ..... It seems that the people who have bought electric cars use them as a second car, not their main one. They drive them around town and cities but they don't want to go too far in them. (5) ..... They aren't going to buy an electric car to use regularly until they can be sure that it won't stop suddenly on their way to work or somewhere important.

While electric cars may still be the car of the future, there is an alternative for today. The hybrid car – a car that can switch from petrol to electricity – is more popular. People are buying them because they can drive further without having to charge their cars. (6) ..... It's obviously not quite as good for the environment as the electric car, but it shows that people are concerned and trying to do something about their carbon footprint.

A And it isn't because of the price.
B The main problem is the cost, but they are already cheaper than all electric cars.
C So, where are they?
D People worry about not having enough electricity to get to their destination.
E People need a car that is reliable.
F It's not because the cars aren't for sale.

9 **Read the article again and choose the best answers, A, B or C.**

1 What is the aim of this article?
- **A** to advertise a new type of electric car
- **B** to talk about why people don't use electric cars
- **C** to warn people about the dangers of petrol cars

2 Why did people think electric cars would be good?
- **A** They don't use as much oil as normal cars.
- **B** They help reduce traffic on the roads.
- **C** They don't pollute the environment.

3 Why isn't the price of electric cars a problem?
- **A** Because people can afford expensive cars.
- **B** Because not all of them are expensive.
- **C** Because they're good value for money.

4 What's the main problem with electric cars?
- **A** You can't go very far in them without having to stop.
- **B** You can only drive them in towns and cities.
- **C** There is only one model.

5 Why do people prefer hybrid cars to electric cars?
- **A** They're better for the environment.
- **B** They look nicer.
- **C** They can go longer distances without being charged.

6 How does the writer feel about hybrid cars?
- **A** They aren't very good for the environment.
- **B** It's good that people are choosing them.
- **C** They're too expensive so people won't buy them.

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