

SOLVING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN ZURICH

Questions 1–4

Choose the correct heading for each paragraph, **A–D**.

List of Headings

- i. Making public transport easier to use
- ii. Problems caused by too many cars
- iii. Helping buses and trams move faster
- iv. Finding a better transport system
- v. Making Zurich a more popular city

A

Zurich is a large city in Switzerland. It is an important place for business, so many people travel into the city every day. As a result, the roads became very busy, especially during the morning and evening. In the 1970s, traffic was becoming a serious problem. The city government thought about building an underground railway, but this plan was very expensive. Local people did not support the idea. Instead, they wanted the city to improve the transport system that already existed.

B

The city then worked to make buses, trams and trains easier for people to use. They wanted people in all parts of the city to have a public transport stop near their homes. New stops were added where necessary, and people did not have to walk very far to catch a bus or tram. The city also made some changes for older people and people with disabilities. These changes helped make public transport more convenient and comfortable for everyone.

C

Another problem was that buses and trams often had to wait because there were too many cars on the roads. The city introduced special lanes for buses and trams. Other vehicles could not use these lanes, so public transport could move more easily. Traffic lights were also changed to help buses and trams pass through busy roads. Because of these changes, buses and trams could travel around the city more quickly and arrive at their stops closer to the planned time.

D

Even after public transport was improved, many people still preferred to travel by car. The city therefore introduced several ways to encourage people to leave their cars at home. There were fewer parking spaces in the city centre, and parking became more expensive. Drivers also had to follow lower speed limits in some areas. At the same time, the city started an advertising campaign to show people the advantages of travelling by bus or tram. These measures encouraged more people to use public transport.