

Read the text quickly and match the following topic sentences with their corresponding paragraphs.

a. Electric cars are mechanically simpler compared to gasoline cars.

b. In recent years there has been a lot of discussion about the future of cars which use oil products as a means of energy.

c. One of the main problems with electric cars is that they cannot go very far before they need to be recharged; something which currently takes between three to six hours.

d. Electric cars are vehicles that are powered by an electric motor.

e. Now it might appear that electric cars are the answer to all our environmental problems but that is far from the truth.

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The discussion includes global warming, pollution and the dependency on non-renewable oil. The global car industry has already begun to show where the future of cars is going and right now it looks like the electric car is the answer.

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They use electrical energy stored in batteries or another storage device. Although it might seem like science fiction, the electric car is already here. In fact, electric cars were popular in the late 19th century and early 20th century, until advances in technology led to the mass production of cheaper gasoline cars, hence the decline in the use of electric cars.

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You don't have to worry about oil or air filter changes, transmission problems, tune ups or emission tests. As for the environmental advantages of electric cars, these include increased health for both people and nature. It has been proven that the use of oil products releases more pollution into the air than nature can handle, hence, increasing risks of both cancer and lung disease. The pollution which is produced by cars is one of the main causes of global warming. There are some people who say that by using electric cars we are not only helping nature, but we are also doing ourselves a favor.

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At the moment, the electric car simply can't give the driver the same sense of freedom that a standard car can.

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health, but unfortunately most of the electricity needed to recharge electric cars is produced by coal plants which actually create more pollution than the average gasoline car. Another problem is that factories spend more energy to produce electric cars than regular cars and although this is a problem that will most likely be solved in the future, it is not a positive thing for today. So, although electric cars will probably be the vehicle of the future, they are not the vehicle of today

Answer the following questions based on the text.

a. The electric car is...

1. a new invention.

2. an old invention.

3. still being designed.

b. Electric cars depend on to run well.

1. oil products

2. gasoline

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3. coal plants

c. The production of electricity used by electric cars causes…

1. more pollution than the average gasoline car.

2. less pollution than the average gasoline car.

3. the same pollution as the average gasoline car.

d. Electric cars can travel further than gasoline cars without being charged.

1. True

2. False

3. Not mentioned

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