IELTS SCORE BOOSTER

READING PRACTICE 2.2

READING PASSAGE 2

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 14-26** which are based on Reading Passage 2 below.

Driverless cars

Questions 14-18

Reading Passage 2 has seven paragraphs, **A-G**.

Which section contains the following information?

*Write the correct letter, **A-G**, in boxes **14-18** on your answer sheet.*

14 reference to the amount of time when a car is not in use

15 mention of several advantages of driverless vehicles for individual road-users

16 reference to the opportunity of choosing the most appropriate vehicle for each trip

17 an estimate of how long it will take to overcome a number of problems

18 a suggestion that the use of driverless cars may have no effect on the number of vehicles manufactured

Questions 19-22

Complete the summary below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

*Write your answers in boxes **19-22** on your answer sheet.*

The impact of driverless cars

Figures from the Transport Research Laboratory indicate that most motor accidents are partly due to **19**……., so the introduction of driverless vehicles will result in greater safety. In addition to the direct benefits of automation, it may bring other advantages. For example, schemes for **20**……. will be more workable, especially in towns and cities, resulting in fewer cars on the road.

According to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, there could be a 43 percent drop in **21**…….. of cars. However, this would mean that the yearly **22**…….. of each car would, on average, be twice as high as it currently is. this would lead to a higher turnover of vehicles, and therefore no reduction in automotive manufacturing.

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Questions 23 and 24

Choose **TWO** letters, **A-E**.

*Write the correct letters in boxes **23** and **24** on your answer sheet.*

Which **TWO** benefits of automated vehicles does the writer mention?

A Car travellers could enjoy considerable cost savings.

B It would be easier to find parking spaces in urban areas.

C Travellers could spend journeys doing something other than driving.

D People who find driving physically difficult could travel independently.

E A reduction in the number of cars would mean a reduction in pollution.

Questions 25 and 26

Choose **TWO** letters, **A-E**.

*Write the correct letters in boxes **25** and **26** on your answer sheet.*

Which **TWO** challenges to automated vehicle development does the writer mention?

A making sure the general public has confidence in automated vehicles

B managing the pace of transition from conventional to automated vehicles

C deciding how to compensate professional drivers who become redundant

D setting up the infrastructure to make roads suitable for automated vehicles

E getting automated vehicles to adapt to various different driving conditions

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