

1 Read the passage and choose the correct answer A, B, or C to fill each blank.



A hoverboard can bring (1) _____ a lot of benefits. It is self-balancing so it is safe for (2) _____. It is also fun because it connects to a music speaker with a phone, so riders can enjoy music while (3) _____ on the road. It can also give riders a smooth (4) _____. It runs on electric battery. Its run time is 30 minutes but you may have to wait 2 – 3 hours for the battery to (5) _____. Because hoverboards are safe, easy to use, and inexpensive, they will (6) _____ around for long for the children to enjoy.

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| 1. A. owners | B. riders | C. players |
| 2. A. beginners | B. professionals | C. adults |
| 3. A. hovering | B. running | C. driving |
| 4. A. drive | B. ride | C. fly |
| 5. A. change | B. replace | C. charge |
| 6. A. be | B. live | C. work |

2 Read the passage and do the tasks below.

My uncle is working at a car company. His company is now developing a new flying car. The car will have solar panels on its roof and wings, and it will charge its battery as it moves. During light traffic, you can use roads. But in heavy traffic, you can use the flight mode to avoid traffic. It will be able to carry eight passengers. The car will have an autopilot function, so a driver is not needed. All passengers can relax, read books or play games while travelling.

I was worried about the safety because it is driverless, but my uncle said it will be much safer than a traditional car. It will also be more comfortable and greener because it is solar-powered.

a. Tick (✓) T (True) or F (False).

	T	F
1. The writer's father is working at a car company.		
2. The car runs on solar energy.		
3. You can use it in flight mode when roads are crowded.		
4. You have to be very careful and skillful drivers to drive this car.		
5. It will be more comfortable than a traditional car.		

b. Answer the questions.

1. How will the car be powered?

2. When will its battery be charged?

3. What can it do during traffic jams?

4. What can passengers do when the car is running?

5. Why is it greener than a traditional car?

3 Read the passage and do the tasks below.

Tel Aviv will be the first city in the world to have a skyTran system. This system will help the city reduce traffic congestion. Moreover, skyTran will provide a greener, less expensive, faster, and more comfortable mode of travel than cars and buses. The system has many pods and each pod has two seats. Passengers can get a pod by using a smartphone app. The pods glide along the rails above to their destination. The pods run on electricity and can travel at speeds up to 150 mph while passengers will still have a smooth ride. The system is about 70 m above the ground. The cost is higher than taking a bus but lower than taking a taxi. So, many people think it will be a perfect means of transport to replace traditional ones. The USA and many Asian countries are interested in building skyTran networks in the very near future.

a. Find in the passage the words that have a similar meaning to these words or phrases.

1. decrease	
2. more eco-friendly	
3. riders	
4. move smoothly	
5. be used instead of something	

b. What is the best title of the passage?

1. Future Modes of Travel
2. SkyTran in the USA and Asian Countries
3. SkyTran - a Future Mode of Travel

c. Choose the best answer A, B, or C.

1. One benefit of skyTran is that _____.
A. it is more expensive than a taxi trip
B. it makes cities more modern
C. it helps avoid traffic jams
2. It will be more comfortable and faster than _____.
A. a train B. a bus C. a truck
3. To get a pod, people can _____.
A. call it the same way as they call a taxi
B. use an app on their smartphones
C. go to a pod station and wait
4. The pod glides fast, and the trip is _____.
A. smooth B. unsafe C. tiring
5. The system is _____.
A. underground
B. on the ground
C. above the ground

E Writing

1 Make sentences using the words and phrases below. Change the forms of the words and phrases when necessary.

1. In the future / city / be more crowded / traffic / get worse.

2. Traffic jams / happen / every day / the air / get / more polluted.

3. There / many / new means of transport / solve / traffic problems / and / help / environment.

4. New / means of public transport / be / faster / convenient.

5. People / think of / spend / holiday / new / faraway / places.

2 Rewrite the following sentences so that their meanings stay the same, using the word given for each.

1. Why don't you travel by public transport? This will help protect the environment. (SHOULD)

2. Electric buses are eco-friendly. They will become popular in big cities soon. (SO)

3. Resorts by the sea are still very expensive. Not many people go there for their holidays next year. (IF)

4. We are not sure if our city will have a skyTran system in the near future. (MIGHT)

5. In a decade, people will have new green modes of travel. They will also spend their holidays in new places. (AND)
