1 Scan the article. How many different ways of travelling around Dubai are mentioned?

Travelling in Dubai

Driving in Dubai is the usual way of getting around the Emirate. There are good quality motorways and an efficient, modern network of roads in the city. However, with increased traffic congestion, many Dubai residents are looking for other means of transport.

The most common form of public transport is the taxi. They are found all over Dubai and are safe, quite inexpensive and convenient, except during the rush hour when you are likely to be stuck in a traffic jam.

For a less stressful journey, using Dubai's fast and efficient network of public transport is a sensible option. There is the fully automated metro rail network, which has been a great success since it opened in 2009, with tens of thousands of residents using it for their daily commute. Connecting the metro to the Jumeirah tram route in 2014 was one of the first steps to the expansion and integration of the public transport system. There are also plans to link the metro with the new UAE's national railway network, Etihad Rail, which will carry both passengers and freight throughout the Emirates.

Then there are the buses that run frequently throughout Dubai and connect it with the six other Emirates. Travelling by bus is becoming increasingly popular as routes and schedules are improved. They are clean, comfortable, air conditioned and cheap.

Away from land there are water buses, taxis and the traditional *abra*. Crossing the Dubai Creek in a wooden *abra* or a new electric water bus is a safe and relaxing way to travel. And if you want to navigate the Arabian Sea or would just prefer to travel without other people, then an air-conditioned water taxi is perfect.

Choosing the best way to travel in Dubai is becoming easier every year as the government continues to improve the public transport system.

2 Read the article and choose the correct answer.

1 The most popular form of public transport in Dubai is the …
   a taxi b tram c bus
2 What problems do car and taxi drivers share?
   a badly built motorways b heavy traffic c poor road network
3 The metro is linked to the …
   a national train network b tram route c bus network
4 The bus network has become more popular because …
   a films are shown b you can buy food on board c there are better routes now
5 The best way to travel alone and without stress is by …
   a water taxi b water bus d taxi

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