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Section 1

Reading

A. Read the article about a car. For questions 1–5, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Folding car

There's a new type of car around called a micro-EV (electric vehicle). Though electric and hybrid cars, which are powered by both a petrol engine and batteries, have been around for a while, this one is different. It folds up so its length of 2.5 metres shortens to 1.5 metres when it is not being driven. This means that seven of these vehicles can fit into a normal parking space. It is also unique because it is the first car originally designed for use in city car-share programmes.

The idea is that cities would have fleets of these cars strategically placed at charging points throughout a city and its suburbs in the same way as many cities already have bicycle-sharing schemes, where you rent and pick up a bike from a particular point and drop it off at another point at the end of your journey. The trouble with bikes though, is that some people can't or don't want to use them, particularly in bad weather. You could argue that people could use public transport to get around cities, which is true, but urban planners have identified what they call a 'first and last mile' problem. This refers to the situation where people don't live or work within walking distance of a place to take public transport. Micro-EVs are intended to solve this problem. It would encourage car users to leave them at home, therefore reducing road congestion, carbon emissions and fuel and parking costs for drivers.

The idea of a compact folding electric city car came from America, at the Michigan Institute of Technology (MIT) and was taken up by a group of businesspeople from the Basque part of Spain. With financial help from the Spanish government, which provided around a quarter of the development budget, they formed a company that built the Hiriko Fold. Hiriko comes from two Basque words and means 'from the city'.

Apart from being small and light, there are some other special features. There is no steering wheel for a start. Instead, you steer with an aircraft style control which you move forwards to go ahead and faster, back to slow down and reverse and left or right to turn. The wheels also rotate 60 degrees, which means you can almost move sideways. That will help with parking in tight spaces. You and your passenger get in and out by lifting up a door at the front, which is also the windscreen. It's not particularly cheap or fast with a top speed of just 50km an hour and a maximum range of about 120km before the batteries need recharging, but that only takes 15 minutes. So it's not meant for motorway driving, but as a solution for urban transport, this could possibly take off. In some countries, you may not need a licence to drive it because it weighs less than 500kg, so it could be registered as a quadricycle –a four-wheeled bike – rather than a car.

1 What does the first paragraph say is new about the micro-EV?
A It can change shape.
B It is battery driven.
C It was the first car to be used in some cities.
D It needs to be parked in a special way.

2 Micro-EVs might be a solution for people who
A don't want to use public transport.
B think cycling in cities is sometimes dangerous.
C are far from a public transport route.
D want free transport around cities.

3 Who built the Hiriki Fold?
A MIT
B The Spanish government
C A Basque company
D Two organisations

4 The Hiriki Fold
A can't go backwards.
B isn't driven like other cars.
C has two doors.
D has a problem with going sideways.

5 One disadvantage of the Hiriki Fold is that it
A isn't heavy enough to be registered as a car.
B can't be recharged very quickly.
C is too slow for most city roads.
D costs quite a lot.™

Section 2

Vocabulary

B. Complete the sentences with the correct word.

1 It's v_____ work, so I don't get paid, but it's good fun and great experience.

2 The s_____ at this company are all hardworking and enthusiastic.

3 We don't get a lot of money but they pay all our travel and food e_____.

4 There were over 500 a_____ for this job.

5 They told me to fill in an application f_____.

6 You can pick up your weekly w_____ on Thursday at two o'clock.

7 I have to apply in w_____ so I'm going to send the letter today.

8 Working in a shop means dealing with members of the p_____.

C. Circle the correct words.

1 It doesn't often snow here, ***although / despite*** it gets pretty cold.

2 We're expecting rain, ***so / however*** take your umbrella.

3 Let's go out ***since / in spite*** it's such a lovely day.

4 There will be rain in the morning. ***However / In spite***, it should be sunny in the afternoon.

5 ***Although / Despite*** the mist and freezing temperatures, the match was played as normal.

6 We all had a good time ***despite / in spite*** of the rain.

D. Write the missing preposition.

1 Are you interested _____ cooking?

2 Which restaurant did you go _____?

3 I don't know a lot _____Chinese food. Is it spicy?

4 _____ the end of the meal, the waiter brought us each a free ice cream.

5 This tradition goes _____ hundreds of years.

6 We often go for a meal _____ special occasions.

E. Correct the mistakes in bold.

1 I don't have strong religious **believes**. _____

2 Tony's really scared of **highs**. _____

3 Well done! You've made the right **choose**. _____

4 There's a wide **varying** of things to eat. _____

5 I think you need to give us an **explaining**. _____

6 The **deepness** of the pool is 2 metres. _____

F. Complete with the following words.

passed	run	put	cut	drop	fell	back

1 If you _____ out all that sugar, you'll soon lose weight.

2 Jack and Suzanne _____ out over who cooked the nicest food.

3 What will you do if you _____ out of college?

4 Maria said she'd help but I think she's trying to _____ out of it now.

5 We've _____ out of coffee. Would you like tea instead?

6 When she _____ out in the restaurant, everyone blamed the food.

7 The small fire in the kitchen was _____ out very quickly

Writing: Choose 1 and write (140-190 words)

1) In your English class you have been talking about the importance of team work. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using **all** the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

Is it better to do things with other people or to do them on your own?

Notes

Write about:

1. work at school or college
2. sports activities
3. ..... (your own idea)

2)

You have seen an advertisement for a drama course and you want to apply.

Do you dream of a career in film or theatre?

At the Lloyd Drama College, we are offering four free places on our summer courses.

Write to Cynthia Roddick, the director, explaining

- why you want to attend a course
- what acting and/or dancing experience you have
- how many days a week you would be available.

Write your letter. Do not write any postal addresses.

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