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In Britain, many people rely on their cars for daily local activities, for example, getting to work, doing the shopping, and visiting friends. People living in urban areas may use buses, trains or, in London, the underground, to get to city centres, mainly because traffic is often heavy and it is difficult to find anywhere to park a car. Some places in the country may have a bus only two or three times a week so people living there have no choice but to rely on their cars.

Many college and even high-school students have their own cars. Long-distance travel in Britain is also mainly by road, though railways link most towns and cities. Most places are linked by motorways or other fast roads and many people prefer to drive at their own convenience rather than use a train, even though they may get stuck in a traffic jam.

Long - distance coach/bus services are usually a cheaper **alternative** to trains, but they take longer and may be less comfortable.

The main problems associated with road transport in Britain are traffic congestion and pollution. It is predicted that the number of cars on British roads will increase by a third within a few years, making both these problems worse.

Question 1: According to the passage, people in London may prefer the underground to their own cars due to _____.

A. cheap tickets B. air pollution C. long distances D. heavy traffic

Question 2: Which of the following statements is TRUE about long-distance travel in Britain according to the passage?

A. Most people prefer to take trains due to traffic congestion in all areas.

B. Motorways connect only major cities.

C. Cars are preferred for long-distance travel due to convenience.

D. Coaches are faster and more comfortable than trains.

Question 3: In the passage, the word "**alternative**" is closest in meaning to _____.

A. option B. drawback C. advantage D. necessity

Question 4: What is predicted about the future of road transport in Britain?

A. Fewer people will own cars due to traffic and pollution.

B. The number of cars will increase, worsening traffic and pollution.

C. Public transportation will become more popular than driving.

D. Road conditions will improve, reducing congestion.

Question 5: What is the best title for the passage?

A. The Advantages of Public Transport in Britain

B. How British Students Commute to School

C. The History of Road Transport in Britain

D. Transportation in Britain: Challenges and Choices

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