

Some people think that autonomous vehicles will change our lives for the better. They think that they will be safer and transportation will be more efficient. However, others believe that autonomous vehicles will cause many problems that need to be solved before they are allowed to become a part of our daily lives. First, driverless cars will increase unemployment. Thousands of drivers will lose their jobs if autonomous vehicles are allowed to take over the roads. Truck drivers, delivery drivers, taxi drivers and many other kinds of drivers will lose their jobs. This increase in unemployment could cause serious social problems. Second, companies and governments will lose money. For example, insurance companies now get about fifty percent of their income from car insurance. Governments and cities, too, will lose much money from parking, speeding fines and petrol taxes. Finally, there is no planning. Dramatic change is coming, but governments haven't begun thinking about it. Only some American cities have done long-term planning. Driverless cars could arrive by 2030, but most government officials and transport ministers are only worried about short-term problems. In conclusion, it is possible that autonomous vehicles will not benefit society if they are introduced too quickly. They may cause social chaos through unemployment, financial loss and lack of planning. It is important that these issues are addressed before autonomous vehicles are allowed on our roads.

Choose the correct answer (a, b, c, or d) to complete the following:

1. A driverless car is an \a -----.
a. future car b. autonomous c. flying car d. delivery car
2. Delivery drivers are a kind of -----.
a. drivers b. trucks c. cars d. planes
3. Autonomous vehicles will make drivers -----.
a. lose their jobs b. make more money
c. drive more cars d. happier
4. Autonomous vehicles will arrive by -----.
a. 2020 b. 2030 c. 2040 d. 2050
5. Lack of planning will lead to -----.
a. financial profit b. financial increase
c. financial loss d. employment

When we think about the future, we tend to assume that most things will stay the same. This is almost never the case. We are experiencing a technological progress every month now. The world is changing and the changes are very dramatic. Imagining future cities with modern technology appears as a dynamic solution to society's recent problems. Some recent researches have suggested that we need to think about the way we imagine future cities, and to focus on some forms of alternative energy such as solar power, wind power, and waterpower which lead to environmental sustainability. Ecological Cities We need to answer questions about what can be sustained and what cannot, where cities can be located and where they cannot, and how we might travel in and between them and how we can physically live and work together. We may want our future cities to prioritize environmental renewal. We need to prevent environmental degradation and stop the expansion of deserts. Future cities can collect water and use solar power to irrigate the dry land. Future cities should be surrounded by rivers and provided with renewable energy resources and green vehicles heading towards more ecological forms of public transport. Imagining these cities helps us understand how we want our future lives and tomorrow's world to look like. It will be better to rethink about our health, other species and the planet we share.

Write true (T) or false (F).

6. We think that things in the future will stay the same.
7. The technological progress is fast.
8. Focusing on alternative energy will lead to environmental sustainability.
9. In future cities, water will be collected by using solar power.
10. Thinking about our future cities will help us prevent environmental degradation.

C. Choose the correct answer.

11. She got her license without ----- problems.
a. much b. any c. many d. both b & c
12. Some people believe that autonomous vehicles will
cause ----- problems.
a. many b. any c. much d. both b & c
13. Thousands of drivers will lose ----- jobs.
a. my b. our c. their d. his
14. Governments and cities won't get ----- money
from parking.
a. many b. much c. a few d. some
15. It is important that ----- issues are addressed
before autonomous vehicles are allowed on our roads.
a. this b. that c. much d. those
16. I would like to ask ----- questions.
a. some b. a few c. any d. both a & b
17. She doesn't have ----- friends.
a. many b. much c. some d. a little
18. There are ----- birds on the tree.
a. a lot b. some c. any d. a little
19. He doesn't have ----- money.
a. many b. much c. a few d. some
20. ----- sun rises in the East.
a. A b. The c. These d. An

D. Ask about the underlined words in each sentence.

21. Ali: -----?
Sam: This is my pen.
22. Ali: -----?
Sam: I've got three pens.
23. Ali: -----?
Sam: Sami likes to eat a little food before he sits down to study..
24. Ali: -----?
Sam: Ahmed knows the answer.

E. Find the mistake in each sentence.

25. Does anyone know an answer.
a b c d
26. I like to watch a little movies a week.
a b c d
27. I have only a few water.
a b c d
28. This flowers are so beautiful.
a b c d