

TEST 4, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.5** score.

For the past decade the idea of driveless vehicles has become one of the most widely discussed by both common people and experts in different fields. The enthusiasm of implementing new technology has been competing with drawbacks of such a dramatic change into existing transport system.

The first argument to support driveless cars is safety. According to statistics, main reasons for car accidents include breaking road rules due to drivers' low qualification, lack of experience or attention, drunk driving and speeding. Automatic system is not influenced by anything which can be named a "human factor". The part of car crashes due to mechanical break down is considered to be much lower, so the level of car accidents can be expected to decrease with driveless technology.

Another advantage of automatically driven vehicles lies in maximal availability of such cars for many categories of consumers. Nowadays usage of cars is limited for children and teenagers under certain age, as well as for people with certain health problems. Hiring a driver always results into additional expenses which are not necessary in case of driveless technology.

Nevertheless, the inevitable disadvantage of such progress is unemployment level rise. At present, thousands of drivers all over the world are engaged in the transportation. In case they lose their jobs they should be offered an opportunity to get another qualifications. Otherwise, this may result into social crisis and crime level increase.

In conclusion, decrease of car accidents and wide use of automobile transport are by all means more essential to me. Although the unemployment cannot be ignored, there is still enough time to prevent negative result of implementing driveless vehicles.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response addresses both sides of the question, but there are more reasons and examples given for the advantages of driverless vehicles. One more idea about the disadvantages would improve the response. The ideas are well organised across five paragraphs and the candidate's position is made clear in the concluding paragraph.

There is some good use of less common vocabulary [*competing with* | *human factor* | *social crisis*] and collocation [*automatically driven vehicles*]; however, errors remain in the spelling [*availability* / *availability* | *expences* / *expenses* | *driveless* / *driverless*] and the words chosen [*low qualification* / *low skills* | *part* / *proportion* | *maximal* / *maximising*].

Complex grammar structures are used and many sentences have multiple clauses [*Hiring a driver ... which* | *In case they ... they should*]. There are, however, errors with verb ending, articles and word order which detract from the score.