

TEST 4, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.0** score.

It is said that all future vehicles will be driverless. Although some people may fear the fact that there will be no drivers in cars, buses and truck, there are more advantages than disadvantages, it will be beneficial to decrease accidents, more convenient for non-drivers and reduce the cost of providing and obtaining drivers license all over the world.

Firstly, most accidents are occurred by human errors such as not paying attention. Consequently, if cars were driven by programmes already installed in vehicles, they would detect dangers around them better than humans. For example, in Japan, cars that are able to detect any objects around them have been introduced recently. It is already preventing a large number of accidents. As the population of elder people increases, vehicles are required to have higher technologies. Therefore, driverless car can be one of the solutions.

Secondly, start driving ages are varied among countries; however, most countries allow people to drive any forms of four-wheel vehicles when they become teenagers or older. In addition, some old people stop driving when reach certain ages. When young children and older people without driver's license would like to travel but no public transportation, it is impossible for them to move. On the other hand, if there were driverless cars, all those people could travel without having someone who can drive. Thirdly, issuing and renewing drivers licences cost a lot of money for most countries. Additionally in some countries, it costs a lot of money to obtain a driver's license for drivers as well. Therefore if cars are driverless, driver's license would not be required as well.

In conclusion, as I believe that there would be more advantages in introducing more driverless transportation. The ability of computers is much advanced so that it will prevent many accidents. People who cannot drive even can drive around without a driving skill. Finally, driverless transportation will reduce license cost.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response is clearly in favour of the advantages of driverless vehicles and all the evidence given is in support of driverless vehicles. If the writer had included some of the disadvantages, they could have performed better, as this question suggests both sides should be addressed.

However, a lot of good examples are given and three strong reasons are offered in the introduction, followed by further examples in the main part of the response. It is easy to read due to the range of cohesive devices that link the sentences together [*Consequently* | *Therefore* | *On the other hand*] and also refer to previous ideas [*they* | *one of the solutions* | *those people* | *someone who can drive*], but there are errors [*when reach* / when they reach]. In addition, each sentence starts with a linking device, which makes the overall effect a little mechanical; this could be reduced to make the text sound more natural.

There is a good range of vocabulary including some collocation [*detect dangers* | *reach certain ages* | *issuing and renewing drivers licences*].

Similarly, there is a range of grammar with frequent error-free sentences. There is a mix of structures including [*if*] clauses and accurate use of modal forms [*could* | *would*], but there are a few errors too.