

READING PASSAGE 1 Electric Vehicles

Electric Vehicles (EVs) are gaining momentum as a sustainable alternative to traditional gasoline-powered cars. Driven by growing environmental concerns and advancements in battery technology, EVs are rapidly becoming a **viable** choice for consumers and industries alike. Their adoption not only reduces carbon emissions but also promotes energy efficiency and innovation in the transportation sector.

A major advantage of EVs lies in their lower operational costs. Unlike internal combustion engine vehicles, EVs require less maintenance and benefit from the relatively lower cost of electricity compared to fuel. Moreover, governments worldwide are incentivizing EV adoption through tax credits, subsidies, and infrastructure investments, which accelerate their integration into mainstream markets.

Despite these benefits, challenges remain. Limited charging infrastructure, battery disposal concerns, and high upfront costs continue to hinder widespread adoption. However, ongoing research and development aim to address these issues, with the goal of making EVs accessible and practical for the masses in the near future.

TRUE / FALSE

1. EVs are becoming popular due to both environmental and technological reasons. **T***
2. One significant drawback of EVs is their frequent need for mechanical servicing. **F***

GRAMMAR / VOCABULARY

3. EVs are being adopted rapidly ____ their contribution to lowering emissions and enhancing sustainability.
a. similar to
b. because of*
c. in contrast to
d. in spite of
e. instead of
4. One of the main ____ of electric vehicles is their efficiency in converting energy into motion.
a. obstacles
b. alternatives
c. privileges
d. benefits*
e. oppositions
5. Government incentives are designed to promote EV use; ____, more people are considering making the switch.
a. otherwise
b. nevertheless
c. consequently*
d. likewise
e. instead

CLOSE MEANING

6. The word **viable** in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to:
a. perilous
b. feasible*
c. superficial
d. temporary
e. ineffective

TRANSLATION

1. Electric Vehicles (EVs) **are gaining momentum as** a sustainable **alternative to** traditional gasoline-powered cars.
2. **Driven by** growing environmental concerns and advancements in battery technology, EVs are rapidly becoming a **viable** choice for consumers and industries **alike**.
3. Their adoption **not only** reduces carbon emissions **but also** promotes energy efficiency and innovation in the transportation sector.
4. A major advantage of EVs **lies in** their lower operational costs.
5. **Unlike** internal combustion engine vehicles, EVs **require** less maintenance and **benefit from** the **relatively** lower cost of electricity **compared to** fuel.
6. Moreover, governments worldwide are **incentivizing** EV adoption **through** tax credits, subsidies, and infrastructure investments, **which** **accelerate** their **integration into** mainstream **markets**.
7. Despite these benefits, **challenges remain**.
8. Limited charging infrastructure, battery **disposal** concerns, and high **upfront costs** continue to **hinder** widespread adoption.
9. However, ongoing research and development aim to address these issues, **with the goal of** making EVs **accessible and practical** **for** the masses in the near future.

1. Elektrikli Araçlar (EV'ler), geleneksel benzinli araçlara sürdürülebilir bir **alternatif olarak** **ivme kazanıyor**.
2. Artan çevresel kaygılar ve batarya teknolojisindeki gelişmelerin de **etkisiyle** elektrikli araçlar **hem** tüketiciler **hem de** sektörler için hızla **uygun** bir seçenek haline gelmektedir.
3. Bunların benimsenmesi **sadece** karbon emisyonlarını azaltmakla **kalmıyor**, **aynı zamanda** ulaşım sektöründe enerji verimliliğini ve yeniliği de teşvik ediyor.
4. Elektrikli araçların en önemli avantajlarından biri de düşük işletme maliyetleridir.
5. İçten yanmalı motorlu araçların **aksine**, elektrikli araçlar daha az bakım **gerektirir** ve yakıta **kıyasla nispeten** daha düşük elektrik maliyetinden **yararlanır**.
6. Ayrıca, dünya çapında hükümetler vergi kredileri, sübvansiyonlar ve altyapı yatırımları **yoluyla** elektrikli araçların benimsenmesini **teşvik etmekte** **ve bu da** elektrikli araçların ana akım **pazarlara entegrasyonunu** **hızlandırmaktadır**.
7. Bu faydalara rağmen, **zorluklar devam etmektedir**.
8. Sınırlı şarj altyapısı, batarya **imha** endişeleri ve yüksek **ön/ilk maliyetler** yaygın olarak benimsenmesini **engellemeye** devam etmektedir.
9. Bununla birlikte, devam eden araştırma ve geliştirme çalışmaları, elektrikli araçları yakın gelecekte kitleler **için erişilebilir ve pratik** hale getirme **hedefiyle** bu sorunları ele almayı amaçlamaktadır.

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CLOZE TEST

Climate change represents one of the most
1.a.slight / b.urgent** threats facing the planet
today. Rising global temperatures, largely driven
by greenhouse gas emissions, are **resulting 2.in***
/ from severe weather events, melting polar ice,
and rising sea levels. These environmental
changes not only disrupt ecosystems but also have
profound implications for human societies,
3.a.properly / b.particularly** in vulnerable
regions.

Efforts **4.a.to combat** / b.combating** climate
change have focused on reducing carbon
footprints **5.a.through* / b.toward** renewable
energy sources, reforestation, and international
cooperation. **6.a. Because / b.Although**** global
agreements such as the Paris Agreement, or Paris
Accord, have laid the groundwork for action,
implementation remains inconsistent, and progress
has been slow. Scientists warn that **7. A.thanks to**
/ b.without** drastic measures, the consequences
may become irreversible.

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READING PASSAGE 2. CLIMATE CHANGE

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Efforts to combat climate change have focused on reducing carbon footprints through renewable energy sources, reforestation, and international cooperation. Although global agreements such as the Paris Agreement, or Paris Accord, have laid the groundwork for action, implementation remains inconsistent, and progress has been slow.

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TRUE / FALSE

1. The effects of climate change are limited to natural environments. **F***
2. There is global consensus on addressing climate change, but actions vary. **T***

GRAMMAR / VOCABULARY

3. **Climate change affects ___ animals and plants ___ human populations.**
 - a. no sooner / than
 - b. so / that
 - c. whether / or
 - d. not just / but also **
 - e. as/ as
4. **If current trends continue, the damage to the environment may become ___, with dire consequences.**
 - a. permissible
 - b. manageable
 - c. predictable
 - d. irreversible*
 - e. invaluable
5. **The Paris Accord was designed to coordinate global climate policies; ___, results so far have varied by country.**
 - a. furthermore
 - b. consequently
 - c. however*
 - d. similarly
 - e. undoubtedly

CLOSE MEANING

6. **The word vulnerable in paragraph one is closest in meaning to:**
 - a. superficial
 - b. trivial
 - c. frail*
 - d. hesitant
 - e. regular

TRANSLATION

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OKUMA PARÇASI 2. İKLİM DEĞİŞİKLİĞİ

İklim değışikliğı bugün gezegenin karşı karşıya olduğı en acil tehditlerden birini oluşturmaktadır.

Büyük ölçüde sera gazı emisyonları nedeniyle artan küresel sıcaklıklar, şiddetli hava olaylarına, kutup buzlarının erimesine ve deniz seviyelerinin yükselmesine neden olmaktadır.

Bu çevresel değışiklikler sadece ekosistemleri bozmakla kalmıyor, aynı zamanda özellikle hassas bölgelerdeki insan toplumları üzerinde de derin etkilere sahip.

İklim değışikliğıyle mücadele çabaları, yenilenebilir enerji kaynakları, yeniden ağaçlandırma ve uluslararası işbirliğı yoluyla karbon ayak izlerini azaltmaya odaklanmıştır.

Paris Anlaşması ya da Paris Mutabakatı gibi küresel anlaşmalar eylem için zemin hazırlamış olsa da, uygulama tutarsız kalmakta ve ilerleme yavaş olmaktadır.

Bilim insanları, sert önlemler olmadan (alınmadığı takdirde) sonuçların geri döndürülemez hale gelebileceğı konusunda uyarıyor.

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CLOZE TEST

Space exploration has advanced

1.a.dramatically / b.intermittently**

2.a.upon / b.over** the past few decades,

3.a.by / b.with** missions

4.a.to / b.on** Mars, the Moon,

and **5.a.behind / b.beyond*** becoming

increasingly common.

These explorations are not **6.a.merely* / b.usually**

scientific endeavors but also strategic efforts that

symbolize technological superiority and global

leadership.

One of the key motivations **7.a.beyond /**

b.behind** space exploration is the pursuit of

knowledge about our universe and the potential for

future colonization. **8.a.However* / b. Therefore,**

the enormous costs associated with space

programs often lead to debate about their value,

especially when compared to urgent needs on

Earth **9.a.between / b.such as**** poverty and

climate action. Still, supporters argue that the long-

term benefits — including technological innovation

and international cooperation — **10.a.outweigh /**

b.justify** the investment.

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READING PASSAGE 3. SPACE EXPLORATION

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TRUE / FALSE

1. The financial burden of space exploration is a topic of ongoing debate. **T***
2. Exploring space provides only scientific information, not political advantages. **F***

GRAMMAR / VOCABULARY

3. **Space missions are pursued ____ they can be extremely expensive.**
a. so that
b. unless
c. even though*
d. only if
e. as if
4. **Some argue that space programs are a ____ of resources that could be used for solving Earth's problems.**
a. distribution
b. preservation
c. waste*
d. resistance
e. solution
5. **Despite criticism, many nations continue to invest in space research; ____, competition remains strong.**
a. otherwise
b. conversely
c. similarly
d. namely
e. therefore*

CLOSE MEANING

6. **The word endeavours in paragraph one is closest in meaning to:**
a. mistakes
b. explorations
c. experiments
d. efforts*
e. interests

4

The concept of a free market is central **1.to */ by** capitalist economic systems, where supply and demand determine prices **2.at / with*** minimal government interference.

Advocates argue that this system encourages innovation, efficiency, and consumer choice. However, critics point **3.out* / at** that without regulation, markets can become exploitative, leading to inequality and economic instability.

One of the most contentious issues **4.on / in*** economics is income disparity, which has widened in many developed nations. Governments often respond **5.by* / with** introducing policies such as minimum wage laws and progressive taxation in an attempt to create a more equitable society. The balance **6.among / between*** free market dynamics and government intervention continues to be a major policy challenge.

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READING PASSAGE 4. ECONOMICS

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TRUE / FALSE

1. Supporters of free markets believe regulation enhances competition. **F***
2. Income inequality is a growing concern in many wealthy countries. **T***

GRAMMAR / VOCABULARY

3. **Free market economies tend to perform better ____ there is little interference from the state.**
 - a. unless
 - b. because*
 - c. so that
 - d. even if
 - e. whether
4. **Governments attempt to reduce inequality by ____ wealth through taxes.**
 - a. distributing
 - b. accumulating
 - c. exchanging
 - d. reducing
 - e. redistributing*
5. **The debate over economic systems is ongoing ____ each approach has strengths and weaknesses.**
 - a. so that
 - b. providing that
 - c. given that*
 - d. in order that
 - e. unless

CLOSE MEANING

6. **The word equitable in paragraph two is closest in meaning to:**
 - a. fair*
 - b. risky
 - c. profitable
 - d. minimal
 - e. neutral

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Serbest piyasa kavramı, arz ve talebin minimum devlet müdahalesi ile fiyatları belirlediği kapitalist ekonomik sistemlerin merkezinde yer alır. Savunucuları bu sistemin yenilikçiliği, verimliliği ve tüketici tercihlerini teşvik ettiğini ileri sürmektedir. Ancak eleştirmenler, düzenleme olmadan piyasaların sömürücü hale gelebileceğine, eşitsizliğe ve ekonomik istikrarsızlığa yol açabileceğine işaret etmektedir.

Ekonomideki en tartışmalı konulardan biri, birçok gelişmiş ülkede genişleyen gelir eşitsizliğidir. Hükümetler genellikle daha adil bir toplum yaratmak amacıyla asgari ücret yasaları ve artan oranlı vergilendirme gibi politikalar uygulamaktadır. Serbest piyasa dinamikleri ile devlet müdahalesi arasındaki denge, önemli bir politika sorunu olmaya devam etmektedir.