

The increasing demand **(1)**--- environmentally friendly transportation has prompted many companies to develop electric vehicles. **(2)**--- electric vehicles have gained popularity, their limited charging infrastructure can cause range anxiety for potential buyers. **(3)**---, efforts to expand charging networks are underway, **(4)**--- to address this concern and strengthen the appeal of electric vehicles. Additionally, the development of more advanced battery technologies is underway to further weaken the barriers to widespread adoption of electric vehicles.

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| 1. A) in | B) on | C) for |
| 2. A) Although | B) Since | C) Given that |
| 3. A) In fact | B) However | C) Thus |
| 4. A) aimed | B) aiming | C) to aim |

It is only in the last 100 years or so that the dog has so cleverly and successfully moved into our homes and hearts. The genetic potential to adapt to a range of new environments was always within the dog, and by moving into our homes, that ability to adapt was accelerated. Only a few generations ago, dogs were bred to have certain characteristics that were appropriate (26)---- specific jobs, such as guarding and hunting. Dogs have inherited their flexible brains from their wolf ancestors. Wolves, then as now, used the 'learning centres' in their brains to (27)---- problems encountered in the wild. Dogs have turned this ability to the demands of domesticity. (28)---- their original jobs like providing help in search-and-rescue operations or protecting their owners against burglars or strangers, dogs have increasingly been bred for companionship. (29)----, their integration with members of the human family has made them our close friends. With their loyalty and strong desire to play, they can boost our mood and energy, (30)--- - our psychological well-being. Who would not prefer to return home to a wagging tail than a cold, empty house? 26.

- A) over B) for C) about
D) from E) into

27.

- A) back up B) turn down C) give in
D) deal with E) call for

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- A) In addition to B) On behalf of C) In fear of
D) In case of E) With the goal of

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- A) Otherwise B) By comparison C) On the contrary
D) As a result E) Instead

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- A) to be enhanced B) being enhanced
C) to enhance D) enhanced
E) enhancing