

Suggested Answers

PART ONE Reading comprehension questions (30 marks)

I- Circle the sentence that best sums up the article: (1mark)

3- Battery electric vehicles close to a tipping point of mass adoption in Norway

II- Fill in the table about Norway's vehicles market: (5marks)

Date	Market situation
1997/1998/1999	<i>The strategy hasn't entirely worked out/ stimulation of BEV's production</i>
2012	<i>Electric cars constituted 3% of total sales</i>
2020	<i>Electric cars constituted 54% of total sales/ BEV's accounting for 2/3 of sales</i>
2022	<i>40 new BEV models will go on the market</i>
2025	<i>Gradually eliminate sales of all petroleum-powered vehicles</i>

III- The following statements are true. Provide the right justification from the article: (3marks)

1- In the UK the sale of new cars that run solely on petrol or diesel will be banned in 2030.

(§1- line5) five years earlier than the UK

2- Norway is perfectly endowed with hydropower.

(§2-lines 5,6,7) it gets more than 90% of its power from hydroelectric sources / This goes some way to explain why the introduction of electric vehicles has been such a winner: as long as the rivers and waterfalls don't run dry, this is an infinite source of power that can also be applied to vehicles

3- Foreign BEV producers prevail in Norway.

(§4- lines 3,4) . Norwegian-produced BEVs are still noticeable by their absence, to the delight of foreign car producers

IV- Complete the following statements with information from the article: (4marks)

1- Per Espen Stoknes, a parliament member representing the ...*(a)(green party)*..., explained the ...*(b)(expansion/development/success)*... of the electric car market in Norway based on his competence specifically as a ...*(c)(psychologist)*... . Indeed, he not only approved of this strategy but also drew the attention to the importance of ...*(d)(social pressure/ competition/ envy)*... in shifting the attitudes of car buyers in favour of BEVs.

2- Hurdles related to the amount of electricity required by new vehicles stay ahead in front of both firms as well as drivers. In fact, the former feel the need to ...*(a)(install charging points around the country)*... and ...*(b)(develop ever faster chargers)*... , while the latter find themselves obliged to cope with ...*(c)(long queues)*... and ...*(d)(out commission chargers)*...

V- Answer the following questions: (6marks)

1- Why is Norway's green target blamed with contradiction?

- a- It is one of the richest in the world in term of oil and gas revenues*
- b- It has made itself dependent on oil / It depends on oil and gas drilling*
- c- It clings to further production of fossil fuels/ It auctions oil exploration licences*

2- How has the Norwegian government promoted the sales of the new vehicles?

- a- Asked the public sector to procure zero-emission vehicles only*
- b- Reduced taxes on vehicles*
- c- Gave numerous incentives and exemptions to entice car buyers*

VI- Choose the best alternative: (3marks)

1- keeping-up-with-the-Joneses effect (§5- line 7) means:

a- Making an effort to match your acquaintances' social and financial status.

2- The more ..., the harder it is for critics to be heard (§7- line 1) means:

a- In a successful situation people seldom pay attention to negative judgements.

3- Both concerns are conveniently palmed off on poor, vulnerable countries (§7- line 4) means:

b- Both concerns are resolved despite the poor countries' absence of consent.

VII- Find words in the text that have approximately the same meaning as: (4marks)

1- presented for approval and consideration (§2): *submitted*

2- financial aids (§3): *subsidies*

3- encouragements (§3): *incentives*

4- rose rapidly (§4): *soared*

VIII- What do the underlined words in the text refer to (4marks)

1- this ambitious aim (§2): *carbon-neutral national vehicle park by 2030*

2- that way (§4): *stimulating production of Norwegian electric cars and reducing emissions*

3- the industry (§5): *the production of BEVs/ the industry of electric cars*

4- them (§7): *both concerns/ requiring expensive & rare metals and securing the disposal of used and broken batteries*

PART TWO LANGUAGE (30marks)

I- Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form (10 marks)

1	has been stuck	6	caught
2	forced	7	length
3	most vital	8	were blocked
4	stretching	9	connects
5	ran	10	carries

II- Complete with the appropriate word: (The first two letters the word begins with and a synonym of the word are provided to help you) (10 marks)

1	rubbish	6	investigation/ interrogation/ inspection
2	hazardous	7	items
3	various	8	mainly
4	arrested	9	harm
5	owned	10	properly

III- Express differently starting as given on the answer sheet (keep the same meaning): (10marks)

1-The candidate put forward amazing arguments to convince us .

Amazing arguments *were put forward to convince us.*

2-The Fields Medals is an institution that awards prizes .

The Fields Medals is a **prize-awarding** institution.

3-Companies did not provide more flexibility . So women managers opted out .

If **companies had provided more flexibility, women managers wouldn't have opted out.**

4-The government forbade all people to water their gardens because the country was short of water .

Due to the country's **water shortage/ shortage of water, the government forbade all people to water their gardens**

5-'Do you know where I usually put the keys?', she asked.

She asked me **if I knew where I usually put the keys.**

6-The loud speakers won't work if you don't connect these cables .

Unless **you connect these cables, the loud speaker won't work.**

7-As soon as the winner arrived, the journalists began shouting .

No sooner **did the winner arrive / had the winner arrived than the journalists began shouting.**

8-Some stores will have to be closed down. Their performance is deteriorating

The stores, **whose performance is deteriorating,** will have to be closed down.

9- I wish I had gone to the book fair.

I regretted not **having gone to the book fair.**

10- There is a probability he sold his car.

He might **have sold his car.**

Part THREE WRITING (20 marks)

I- Re-arrange to obtain a coherent paragraph (2.5marks)

1→ b

2→ d

3→ c

4→ e

5→ a

II- Correct the FIVE mistakes(2.5marks)

Pupil in developing countries, and many income-middle countries, often rely in plastic bottles of water us their piped water supply can be contaminating or unsafe.

Mistake	Correction
1-pupil	people
2-income-middle	middle-income
3-rely in	rely on
4- us	as
5- contaminating	contaminated

III- Essay (15marks) (DO NOT EXCEED 15 LINES)

Billions of dollars go into space exploration projects every year. Some people feel that this money should be used to solve problems on Earth. Use solid arguments to support your opinion.

Suggested marking scheme: 5 pts: ideas / 2 pts: grammar / 2pts: vocabulary /

2pts: spelling / 2 pts: cohesion & coherence/ 2pts: punctuation

Space is home to several new missions, with new countries known for their technological progress entering the field of space exploration. Many countries already noticed the

importance of space exploration and most recently, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) collected the world's first lunar rocks from the Moon in more than 40 years.

Space exploration is a rather controversial topic. While the majority of people think it is a good idea to explore space, there are also opponents of space travel who claim that space exploration may potentially wipe out humanity in the long run.

In favour of Space Exploration

1. Space exploration can provide humanity with additional resources
2. Space travel may help us to find extraterrestrial life
3. We may find other planets to colonize
4. Humans are curious creatures and need to explore
5. Space exploration can offer almost endless opportunities
6. Colonizing other planets may help to mitigate the overpopulation problem
7. Scientists from all over the world can work together
8. Can help us to install satellites which can create maps and pictures and collect important research data
9. May help us to detect serious threats to our earth
10. Space travel industry provides many job opportunities

Against Space Exploration

1. Space travel implies significant air pollution
2. Space exploration implies high levels of waste
3. Space exploration is quite costly so we'd rather focus on solving problems on earth (poverty, crime, joblessness ...)
4. Many missions may not yield any results
5. Space travel can be dangerous
6. Space exploration is time-consuming
7. Mental problems for astronauts
8. Problems with radiation
9. Space exploration may lead to a decisive advantage for few countries
10. Extraterrestrial life forms may wipe out humanity