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**OPTION A**

**GOOGLE IS TESTING A NEW CAR**

Google announced today that it has developed cars that drive themselves automatically in traffic and that it has been testing them on the streets of California for months. There is a person in each car during the tests who sits in the driver's seat, ready to take control of the vehicle instantly by grabbing the wheel or touching the brake if something goes wrong with the system. The person in the passenger's seat is an engineer who monitors the software operations on a computer.

If your first concern is one of safety, Google would argue that you're going about it all wrong. Google believes that the technology could nearly halve the number of automobile-related deaths because computers are supposedly better at driving than humans in most circumstances. Besides, the vehicles' instant reaction time and 360-degree awareness would allow them to drive closer together on the highway than humans can, reducing traffic congestion.

But according to Google, the greatest benefit would be the hour or so of daily commute time the car owner would save. Instead of driving, he or she could be either productive or entertained in the vehicle, doing work on a wireless Internet connection or watching television.

**QUESTIONS**

**1. Translate the following paragraph into Spanish (4 points).**


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**2. Read the text and answer the questions. Use your own words. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 1 (2 points as a whole).**

- a) How has Google been testing this project?
- b) What does Google expect to achieve with this car?

**3. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 0.5 each (4 points as a whole).**

- a) The car is a project of Google's, \_\_\_\_\_ (1) has been working in secret \_\_\_\_\_ (2) vehicles that \_\_\_\_\_ (3) drive themselves and mimic the decision made \_\_\_\_\_ (4) a human driver.
- b) Scientists and engineers \_\_\_\_\_ (5. design) autonomous vehicles since the mid-1960s, but crucial innovation \_\_\_\_\_ (6. come) about in 2004.
- c) Engineers argue that unmanned cars are far \_\_\_\_\_ (7. safe) than those driven by humans \_\_\_\_\_ (8) they obey traffic rules and react faster than people in traffic situations.

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## OPTION B

### THE BRIC COUNTRIES: BRAZIL, RUSSIA, INDIA, CHINA

The BRIC countries are made up of Brazil, Russia, India and China - although if we were to categorize them by importance, it would actually be CIRB. The BRIC are both the fastest growing and largest emerging markets economies. They account for almost three billion people, or just under half of the total population of the world. In recent times, the BRIC have also contributed to the majority of world Gross Domestic Product growth.

According to various economists' projections, it is only a matter of time before China becomes the biggest economy in the World. In fact, Goldman Sachs believes that by 2050 these will be the most important economies, relegating the US to fifth place.

Apart from their growth characteristics, the BRIC countries frankly have little in common. They are primarily an investment category now, although there may be some political and economic alliances that develop from that grouping. If they do, it is likely to be temporary.

In 2008, the BRIC countries had a summit and analysts believed that they were seeking to 'convert their growing economic clout into political power.' These analysts believe that by working together, the BRIC countries can carve out the future economic order between themselves. They believe that China can dominate in manufactured goods, India in services, and Russia and Brazil in raw material supplies.

### QUESTIONS

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#### 2. Read the text and answer the questions. Use your own words. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 1 (2 points as a whole).

- a) What do BRIC countries have in common?
- b) According to analysts, what can BRIC countries do in the future?

#### 3. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 0.5 each (4 points as a whole).

Though for years Brazil, Russia, India and China have often been talked about as a group, experts note that the countries' agendas are not exactly the same. Christian Lohbauer, an international relations expert at the University of Sao Paulo said 'it's obvious they don't have a common agenda and their interests diverge and are \_\_\_\_\_ (1) many times \_\_\_\_\_ (2. conflict).' For example, Russia and Brazil benefit \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4. rise) commodity prices, while for China and India it is a completely different story. Also, a top official at Russia's economic development ministry has said that China and India are \_\_\_\_\_ (5) the 23 countries that limit free access to their markets for Russian companies. This week China introduced a duty \_\_\_\_\_ (6) imports of US and Russian electrical steel, accusing the two countries of selling the product at \_\_\_\_\_ (7. abnormal) low prices. For his part, Brazilian finance minister Guido Mantega said his country's manufacturers \_\_\_\_\_ (8. be) 'harmed' by Beijing's currency policy, despite China being 'an important trade partner'.