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Level 2

Component 2: Reading

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Time: 45 minutes

Paper Reference

E202/01

You may use a dictionary.
You do not need to write in sentences.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Dictionaries may be used.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 25.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Read Text A and answer questions 1 – 6.

Text A

You find this article in a car magazine.

Young drivers: How to slash insurance costs

According to new research, car insurance for young motorists has rocketed by a staggering 25% in the last year.

The average cost of car insurance for drivers aged between 17 and 24 now stands at £1,489. Prices are expected to soar even higher with further increases of 15% predicted this year alone. Insurance providers justify the cost of premiums on the basis of accident data.

With this in mind, we believe it is crucial young motorists do all they can to make themselves more attractive to insurers. One way to reduce premiums is to take a Pass Plus course.

Insurance providers charge such high premiums because they view younger drivers as more likely to be involved in an accident due to their lack of experience on the roads. Data from the Driving Standards Agency reports that, despite only accounting for 10% of the driving population, 20% of drivers under the age of 25 will be involved in an accident within six months of passing their test.



A Pass Plus course can help you become less of a risk for insurance companies. Set up by the Driving Standards Agency, this course exposes new drivers to difficult situations they may not have encountered in their lessons, such as: driving in poor weather, rush hour traffic, motorway and night-time driving. It only takes around six hours to complete and you don't have to worry about passing an exam at the end.

There is a fee, which varies depending on where you take the course and how long your training takes, but you are likely to benefit from reduced insurance premiums straight away so Pass Plus training courses represent good value for money.

You can find out more information about Pass Plus courses by visiting www.direct.gov.uk.

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1 What is the **main** purpose of Text A?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

Answer questions 2 to 3 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

2 According to the article what percentage of drivers under the age of 25 will be involved in an accident within six months of passing their test?

- A 10 per cent
- B 15 per cent
- C 20 per cent
- D 25 per cent

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 According to Text A, which **one** of the following statements is **not** true?

- A The Pass Plus course takes around six hours to complete.
- B Drivers need to sit an exam at the end of the Pass Plus course.
- C Taking a Pass Plus course is likely to reduce motor insurance premiums.
- D Drivers aged between 17 and 24 pay an average insurance premium of around £1,500.

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)



4 Using information from Text A, identify **two** types of driving conditions in which newly qualified drivers may lack experience.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 4 = 2 marks)

5 For **each** of the six statements identify which are presented in the article as facts and which are presented as opinions. Place a tick in the relevant column.

	Fact	Opinion
Car insurance for young motorists has rocketed.		
Pass Plus training courses represent good value for money.		
It only takes around six hours to complete.		
Pass Plus training is set up by the Driving Standards Agency.		
Insurance providers justify the cost of premiums on the basis of accident data.		
We believe it is crucial young motorists do all they can to make themselves more attractive to insurers.		

(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)



6 Text A claims young drivers can cut their insurance costs.

From Text A, identify **one** way the writer tries to influence the reader and give **one supporting** example.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

Way

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Example

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(Total for Question 6 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS



SECTION B

Read Text B and answer questions 7 – 11.

Text B

You also find this article on the internet.

Independent driving: How changes to the practical driving test will affect you

The new style practical driving test, introduced in October 2010, now includes a section of independent driving. In the independent driving section of your test, you will drive for about 10 minutes without step-by-step direction from your examiner. Trials show you are just as likely to pass the new test as the previous version.



During the independent driving section of the test, the examiner will ask you to drive by either following a series of directions, following traffic signs, or a combination of both.

To help you understand where you are going, the examiner may show you a diagram. It does not matter if you do not remember every direction, or if you go the wrong way – that can happen to the most experienced drivers. Independent driving is not a test of your orientation and navigation skills.

The independent driving route

If you go off the independent driving route it will not affect the result of your test unless you commit a driving fault. You will not need to have a detailed knowledge of the area.

You cannot use a sat nav for independent driving. Independent driving tests how you make your own decisions.

Test routes will no longer be published

The changes are designed to make the driving test more representative of real driving, which is also why the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) will no longer publish details of test routes. Previously, test routes used by each driving test centre were published online.

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7 What is the **main** purpose of Text B?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)

8 Give **three** layout features of Text B that help to convey the information.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 8 = 3 marks)

9 Identify **two** ways a driving examiner may give you instructions during the independent driving section of the test.

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(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)



10 According to Text B, why has the new independent driving section of the test been introduced?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 10 = 1 mark)

11 Your friend is worried about taking the new style driving test.

Using information from Text B give **three** reasons to reassure your friend about the new style driving test.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 11 = 3 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 10 MARKS



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SECTION C

Read Text C and answer questions 12 – 14.

Text C

You are interested in taking driving lessons. You find three adverts from driving schools. All three companies offer lessons at the same cost per hour.

Hardy's School of Motoring

We offer expert driver tuition to get you through your test first time. You can book weekly 2-hour lessons at a time to suit you, including evenings* and Saturdays. We will even pick you up from college or work. We offer a choice of cars to learn in. We also offer Pass Plus training at competitive prices to keep your insurance costs down once you pass your test.

*last session starts at 6pm

Bennett's Driver Training

- At Bennett's we offer a range of flexible routes to gaining your driving licence.
- All our instructors are fully qualified with over 5 years of experience.
- We offer 90-minute sessions or intensive courses, which mean you could pass in one week!
- We offer lessons seven days a week between 9am–6pm.
- Discounts are available for block bookings (20 hours or more).
- Pass Plus and advanced driver training are also offered.

Street-Wise Training

Street-Wise Training offers a full range of training for both car drivers and motor cyclists. We offer basic to advanced level courses, including Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) for bikes. We even offer free tuition to help you pass the theory test if you need it.

We offer a choice of quality cars and bikes for your lessons or motor cyclists can learn on their own bike and get a 10% discount.

75 minute lessons are available seven days a week.

Double lessons available.



12 Your friend is looking for a driving instructor and wants to pass her car test as quickly as possible. Which driving school in Text C would you recommend?

Remember to give the name of the driving school in your answer.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

Name of driving school

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(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)

13 A family member wants to take the Pass Plus course. He finishes work at 5.30pm and does not want to take lessons at the weekend. Which company would you suggest he tries?

Remember to give the name of the driving school in your answer.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

Name of driving school

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(Total for Question 13 = 1 mark)

Question 14 begins on the next page.



14 Consider the information provided in the three adverts within Text C. Based on the information in Text C which driving school would you choose?

Give **three** reasons referring only to your chosen driving school.

Remember to give the name of the driving school in your answer.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

Name of driving school

Reason 1

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Reason 2

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Reason 3

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(Total for Question 14 = 3 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 5 MARKS

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 25 MARKS

