**CARS**

Motor cars are the dream that could ultimately become the nightmare of the 21st century. The machines that once liberated rich people have become essential for millions. They have also sentenced the present generation to the frustration of neverending joumeys that would shock the pioneers of Britain's biggest single industry.

Cars have allowed millions to travel enormous distances for business and holidays cheaply and quickly. But the rapid growth in motoring has condemned us all to neurosis, not only over the time wasted in traffic jams, but also over pollution. That is why noise, illnesses and destruction caused through pollution, road building, and the making of cars have made transport a major concern for the millennium.

Britain's motor industry today employs a million people. However, the industry which has shown such brilliant inventiveness over the century now faces its biggest challenge: to ensure a future of growth without pollution. The problem facing Britain is that millions rely on the car because there is no viable alternative.

After 100 years, what is the future of the car? We have asked the experts, now let us know what the ordinary motorist thinks.

**COMPREHENSION** (3 points; 1 per question)

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-3 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

1. Why do a lot of people use the car nowadays?
2. In what sense does traffic affect people?
3. What are the most remarkable features of Britain's motor industry?

**LEXICON** (2 points; 0.5 points per question)

1. Find in the text the word which has the following definition: *Situation in which there are so many vehicles that they move very slowly or not at all*.
2. Find one synonym in the text for *INTERMINABLE*.
3. Find one synonym in the text for *FAST*.
4. Give one synonym for *ORDINARY* (line ?).

**GRAMMAR** (2 points; 0.5 points per question)

1. JOIN the following sentences in an appropriate way (do not use AND). Make changes if necessary: T*he car has allowed millions to travel cheaply and quickly. It causes pollution and noise.*
2. Use the VERBS in brackets correctly: *If we (HAVE) better public transports, many people (NOT USE) their cars*.
3. PUT the following sentence into the PASSIVE VOICE: *They have also sentenced the present generation to the frustration of long joumeys.*
4. JOIN the following sentences with a RELATIVE PRONOUN: *Britain's motor industry today employs a million people. Britain's motor industry is one of the best industries in the world.*

**PRODUCTION** (3 points)

Write a composition (80-100 WORDS). Choose ONE of the following options. Specify your option:

1. *Your favourite way of transport.*
2. *Health risks of modern society.*