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II. Grammar and vocabulary

Section B

Directions: Complete the following passage by using the words in the box. Each word can only be used once. Note that there is one word more than you need.

Driverless cars

In the self-driving seat Google is miles ahead of its rivals in the race for autonomous motoring. TO GOOGLE is now in broad usage as a verb for retrieving information from the internet.

People have dreamed about driverless motoring since at least the 1930s, but only in recent years __1__ carmakers such as Mercedes-Benz and Volvo given the matter more thought about testing cars with sensors and sophisticated software required to negotiate busy roads.

Google has roared ahead by designing a driverless car from the ground up. But bringing autonomous motoring to the world proved harder than Google had visualized. Primarily __2__ it promised it by 2017, it does not see production models coming out before 2020. The technology is far advanced, but needs __3__ (shrink) in size and cost—Google's current test cars are said to be packed with \$80,000 __4__ takes to revise Toyota and Lexus's original models.

Nowadays, _____ __5__ suffering all the costs of driving a car, people may prefer to summon a rented one on their smartphones when they are busy with their work. Therefore, Google's latest efforts may have as much to do with convincing the public and lawmakers as refining the technology. The firm stresses __6__ the safety advantages of computers would more likely than humans __7__ (avoid) accidents. The cars will have a top speed of just 25mph and a front end made of soft materials to protect unwary pedestrians. Driving time could be given over to working, snoozing or browsing the web.

Turning cars into commodities __8__ not be good news for traditional carmakers. But reinventing motoring as a service fits neatly with Google's plans to become as __9__ (big) in hardware as in software. And unlike car firms, __10__ talk vaguely of becoming “mobility providers”, Google has pots of cash to make that a reality and no worries about disrupting its current business. Google admits it still has “lots of work to do” but Googling to the shops may be a common activity one day.

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