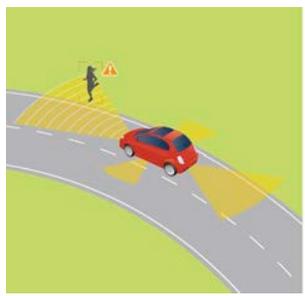


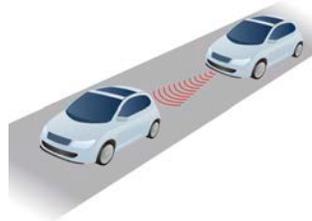
Read the article and answer the questions.

Some people think that autonomous vehicles will change our lives for the better. They think that they will be safer and transportation will be more efficient. However, I believe that autonomous vehicles will cause many problems that need to be solved before they are allowed to become a part of our daily lives.



First, driverless cars will bring an increase in unemployment. Thousands of drivers will lose their jobs if autonomous vehicles are allowed to take over the roads. Truck drivers, delivery drivers, taxi drivers and many other kinds of drivers will lose their jobs. The increase in unemployment could cause serious social problems.

Second, companies and governments will lose money. For example, insurance companies now get about fifty percent of their incomes from car insurance. "We would not be holding a party at our insurance company." said insurance agent Pedro DeSilva, "We could almost become an insurer without insurance." Governments and cities, too, will lose money from parking and speeding fines, and petrol taxes.



Finally, there is no planning. Dramatic change is coming, but governments haven't begun thinking about it. Only 6 per cent of the biggest American cities have done some long-term planning. Driverless cars could arrive by 2030, but most government officials and transport ministers are only worried about short term problems.

In conclusion, it is possible that autonomous vehicles will not benefit society. If they are introduced too quickly, they may cause social chaos through unemployment, financial loss and lack of planning. It is important that these issues are addressed before autonomous vehicles are allowed on our roads.

1. What are some benefits of autonomous vehicles?

2. Who will lose their jobs to driverless forms of transportation?

3. What taxes will governments miss out on ?

4. Why is there no planning for new technologies?

5. Do you agree with the opinion in this article? Explain?

Answers

1. Transportation will be safer and more efficient
2. Truck drivers, delivery drivers and many other kinds of drivers
3. They will miss out on money from parking fines, speeding fines and petrol taxes.
4. Government officials and transport ministers are only worried about things happening now (or next week). They don't plan for the long term.

Example

5. I disagree. I think that autonomous vehicles will save many lives.