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Visitors to America are immediately struck by the tremendous numbers of automobiles filling the highways and crowding the city streets. The automobile, which has transformed the American way of life, is the most indispensable workhorse of the family. During the week, the father drives it to his job in the city, alone, or in a “car pool” arrangement with several of his fellow workers. When he leaves it at home, his wife uses it constantly to do errands, to haul groceries, to drive children to lessons or appointments, to shops or swimming pools. On weekends, the family drives out to the country for a picnic lunch or may take a trip of several hundred miles. On vacations, no corner of the country is beyond the family’s reach.

2- All of America has felt the changes, which came with the automobile and with the network of highways that have been built to serve it. Farmers, who live far from their neighbors, are no longer isolated. Tractors of the work of the many farmlands they cannot afford to hire, Trucks carry their products to market, to storage elevators or to railroads.

3- Traffic jams in cities and along the approaches to cities, especially at morning and evening rush hours and at the start and end of weekends, are difficult problems. How to find out enough parking space in the cities, even with underground parking lots and many-storied “pigeonhole” parking structures in another. More highways and wider ones are needed as fast as they can be built.

**1-D 2-C 3-A 4-C 5-A 6-D 7-C**

**Questions**

**1- The main topic of this passage is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .**

1. a) The network of highways
2. b) The American highways
3. c) Trucks and Tractors in America
4. d) Cars and the American Life

**2- The automobile has had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the American society.**

1. a) A little effect
2. b) hardly any effect
3. c) an obvious effect
4. d) no effect whatsoever

**3- The American father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. a) always drives alone to work.
2. b) may share his car with other colleagues.
3. c) drives his children to lessons.
4. d) drives his wife to haul groceries.

**4- The American family may spend the weekend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. a) abroad.
2. b) in down town.
3. c) out of town.
4. d) in a family gathering.

**5-Thanks to the automobile, all American States have become\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. a) within reach.
2. b) more isolated.
3. c) beyond reach.
4. d) torn apart.

**6- Most American families \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cars.**

1. a) cannot afford
2. b) do not badly need
3. c) do not have
4. d) cannot do without

**7- The word ‘ which ‘ in the first line of the second paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. a) all Americans
2. b) automobiles
3. c) changes
4. d) traffi