

第2問 (配点 12)

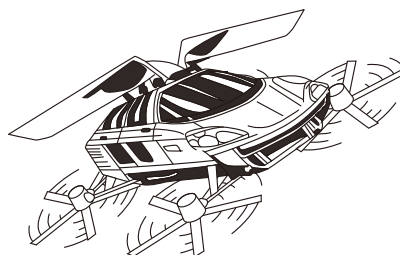
Your teacher asks you to write a report about the future of transportation. To prepare, you read a blog written by a British author about the topic.

Flying Vehicles

10 December 2024

Jonah Markowski

Bristol, UK



Yesterday, I attended a forum in northern Japan called *Flying Vehicles: Today and Tomorrow*. Modern transportation problems and solutions were discussed by three guest speakers.

All the speakers agreed on three points. First, flying vehicles should be electrically powered in general. Air pollution can be reduced by increasing the use of zero-emission technologies. Second, emergency services would be improved. Flying ambulances would be faster in large cities with heavy traffic. Also, they would be better for servicing small towns far from hospitals. Finally, from a safety point of view, they said that flying technology would need to be well tested and controlled to avoid accidents in the air.

At the end of the forum, the speakers discussed flying taxis. According to one of the speakers, recent reports show that some countries are already developing this technology. A few of them are even testing flying taxi services in the middle of their major cities. Then, someone in the audience asked if

flying taxis would soon be available around the world. Two of the speakers answered, “Yes,” but they disagreed about the timing. One of them said, “In 5 years,” and the other said, “In 15 years.” The third speaker answered, “No, because the operating costs of flying taxis are too high.” I look forward to seeing which guest speaker’s prediction turns out to be correct.

Next week’s blog is about self-driving cars. It’s going to be a fantastic post!

問 1 Which of the following did all the guest speakers agree on?

4

- ① Flying vehicles are widely accepted as being safe.
- ② Flying vehicles will improve responses to emergencies.
- ③ Modern transportation problems are difficult to solve.
- ④ Zero-emission technologies cannot be applied to flying vehicles.

問 2 Flying vehicles will most likely

5

.

- ① be used in small towns rather than large cities
- ② increase the number of traffic jams near hospitals
- ③ prevent solutions to environmental problems
- ④ require proper assessment and regulation

問 3 One guest speaker's opinion is that

6

.

- ① flying taxi centres will be based in rural areas
- ② flying taxi technology has already been tested
- ③ flying taxis are already widespread
- ④ flying taxis are too expensive to run

問 4 Which of the following is mentioned in the blog?

7

- ① Costs of flying ambulance services
- ② Flying transport using solar-power
- ③ Parking areas for flying taxis
- ④ Urban trials of flying taxi services