

QUIZ

Driven to Distraction

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions. For the analysis section, refer to the article as needed.

CHECK COMPREHENSION

1. According to the article, what has caused an increase in distracted driving in recent years?
 - a a decrease in driving laws related to the use of technology behind the wheel
 - b a huge increase in the proportion of young drivers on the road
 - c new technologies, like Snapchat and navigation apps
 - d all of the above
2. Until 2015, the number of highway fatalities had
 - a been steadily rising.
 - b been steadily declining.
 - c remained relatively unchanged for decades.
 - d not been tracked by the federal government.
3. Which of these best describes the purpose of the Textalyzer?
 - a to allow drivers to text without using their hands
 - b to check for recent activity on a driver's cellphone
 - c to block the texting capability on the phones of inexperienced drivers
 - d none of the above
4. The federal government would like more cellphones to
 - a include warnings about distracted driving on their packaging.
 - b be larger, so drivers can see screens more easily.
 - c have motion detectors.
 - d have a "driver mode" that blocks distracting features.

ANALYZE THE TEXT

5. Which choice best summarizes the article's key idea?
 - a Hands-free devices are solving the problem of distracted driving.
 - b Distracted driving is no longer socially acceptable in the U.S.
 - c Experts are looking for ways to address the growing crisis of distracted driving.
 - d Distracted driving is a brand-new phenomenon.
6. The references to "live-streaming" and "weaving" in the first paragraph mainly have which effect?
 - a They establish a strong contrast.
 - b They create a light mood.
 - c They evoke the reader's sympathy.
 - d They capture the danger of the situation.
7. Based on the article, which word best describes laws related to distracted driving?
 - a ineffective
 - b rare
 - c antiquated
 - d ambiguous
8. Which excerpt best supports the answer to question 7?
 - a "Distracted driving 'is not being treated as seriously as drunk driving, and it needs to be' . . ."
 - b "Now, lawmakers in New York State are proposing a controversial solution . . ."
 - c "But authorities say it's very hard to enforce distracted-driving laws . . ."
 - d "Since 2007, 46 states and the District of Columbia have banned texting while driving . . ."

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9. What do you think the penalties for distracted driving should be? Why?
