

TEST PAPER

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I. Read the text and fill in the missing words: headlights, alcohol, break, speed, concerned, steering, report, of, horns, older.

Men are far worse drivers than women, says the latest 1..... from the Automobile Association. Men take more risks, they are more likely to drink 2..... before driving and they have accidents much more frequently than women.

Whereas women like the independence of driving, men like the thrill they get behind the 3..... wheel, according Professor Frank McKenna, the author of the report. In general, men are less 4..... about danger. They drive faster and overtake more frequently than women of the same age and driving experience.

Although 5..... is one of the most common causes of accidents, men think that breaking the speed limit is a very minor offence. Furthermore, men are more prepared to drive long distances without a 6....., and they are more impatient than women. If they want the car in front of them to speed up or get out of the way, they follow it closely, often flashing their 7..... and sounding their 8.....

Age seems to be another factor when considering which category 9..... driver is most dangerous, and there is new evidence that young men drive less safely than any other group. "They believe they react faster but the truth is that they are slower than 10..... people to detect dangers," says Professor McKenna. "In fact, the older you get, the more careful you become."

II. Answer T (true) or F (false):

1. The latest report from the Automobile Association says that women are far worse drivers than men. _____
2. Men have accidents less frequently than women. _____
3. According to men, breaking the speed limit is not a very important offence. _____
4. Men can drive long distances without a break. _____
5. Older people are faster than younger people to detect danger. _____

III. List six reasons why men are worse drivers than women (According to Professor Frank McKenna, the author of the report)

IV. Look at the pictures and decide who you think is: (use arguments)

- ✓ the safest driver
- ✓ the most dangerous driver
- ✓ the person most likely to drink and drive



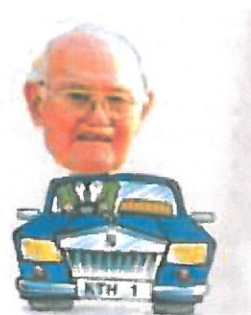
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V. Who are better vehicle drivers, men or women? Why?