## P387

## Topic:

Nowadays the way many people interact with each other has changed because of technology.

In what ways has technology affected the types of relationships people make? Has this become a positive or negative development?

Communication is very important both in the past and at present and tends to be more essential in modern society. The development of technology has changed the way we live and the way we relate to other people. For example, some inventions, such as the telephone and the Internet, make it unnecessary for people

to meet face-to-face. The telephone has almost killed the ancient art of letter writing, which used to be the only method of long distance communication. Some people worry about its negative effects on people's relationship. However, I believe that individuals can benefit from the development.

First of all, technology brings us great convenience and efficiency. For example, we can send E-mails to our friends in other countries in a few minutes while sending a traditional letter takes us at least a week and costs much. One of the advantages of telephone communication is that it can allow us to begin instantly to

communicate no matter how far we are away from each other. As a result, fire alarm, robbery alarm and other emergency cases are often reported through telephone.

Some people are slightly frightened by the fact that the development of technology may lead to the alienation among families and friends. In fact, technology broadens our horizons and we can make friends with people from all parts of the world. It overcomes the geographical barriers and makes the

world smaller. It is with the help of technology that we can communicate with more people and communicate more frequently. For example, traveling to see my parents living in another city would be prohibitively expensive and take a great deal of time, so I can only visit them twice a year. However, I can call them almost



To sum up, technology has changed the way people communicate with each other and it is a positive development. Technology not only provides the most convenient and efficient means for personal communication but also shortens the distance between the people in the world.

## P390

## Topic:

Increasing the price of petrol is the best way to solve growing traffic and pollution problems.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? What other measures do you think might be effective?

Along with the rapid development of urban traffic, certain problems have arisen, one of which is the traffic jam. It has become common to see passengers and drivers having to wait in long lines of buses and cars during the rush hours. Another problem is the pollution from vehicles. I am convinced that a rise in the

price of petrol is the best way to deal with these two problems.

Because it is undeniable that private car use is one of the main causes of the increase in traffic and pollution, higher fuel costs will definitely to compel drivers to give up driving their own cars and turn to public transportation. Researches reveal that in most cases, a car carries only one or two people, while it occupies

almost half the space a bus does. The policy would also help to reduce some unnecessary traveling.

Through the practice of increasing the price of petrol, the government could collect a great sum of money. With the money, the government is able to invest more in the construction of new roads, which can lead to the reduction of traffic jams. The money could also be used to develop cleaner fuels. For example,

persuading manufacturers and travelers to adopt electric cars would be an effective strategy for improving air quality, especially in cities.