

Informace o písemných přijímacích zkouškách

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It's Ulez day, and to those who would thwart it I say: people are dying, this will save lives

Amid the culture war bickering and rightwing campaigns, it's time to remember why this move is practical, popular and essential

On this day, Ulez day – after all the misrepresentations and smothering of the concept by toxic, opportunistic politicians – there are basic facts that bear repeating. When people are breathing in polluted air, doing nothing about cleaning it up means that people will die prematurely. The connection between dirty air and asthma, strokes, Alzheimer's, bronchus and lung cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and respiratory infections is all proven. If one of your relatives or friends has suffered from any of these serious conditions, then air pollution could have been a contributory factor. And if you are still arguing that you have the right to drive a polluting, life-curtailling vehicle, then ask yourself: is that the person you really want to be?

That doesn't mean that the capital's now extended ultra-low emission zone, or Ulez, is the only solution, but it is the most effective one we can put in place today. The Ulez gives us the best and most immediate chance of reducing the number of people dying prematurely, children developing smaller lung capacity and many of us suffering lung and respiratory problems. I agree we should heavily regulate the use of domestic wood burners, have better public transport and dramatically increase the number of electric charging points. I'm happy to listen to anyone who makes the case for additional measures that we should be taking. But having spent 24 years campaigning for clean air, I know that there has never been a shortage of solutions – it is only the political will to implement them that has been lacking.

I predict that expanding the Ulez to outer London will not only deliver cleaner air, but will also have the same acceptance the ban on smoking in public spaces has now achieved. It shares the same basic principle that no one has the right to pollute and poison someone else's air – especially when

all of us are then paying out extra money in taxes to fund the NHS, which has to deal with the ill-health consequences of such self-indulgent behaviour.

Nor do I accept the argument that the Ulez will hit the poorest the hardest; an argument that was also used to assail the congestion charge. The evidence shows that those from the poorest backgrounds emit the least emissions, but are most affected by harmful pollutants in the atmosphere. The lowest-rent housing is often on the busiest roads, such as the south circular road in London where Ella Kissi-Debrah died of air pollution when she was nine years old. She was the first person in the world to have air pollution cited as an official cause of death. It is time to stop others suffering a similar fate to Ella, and the Ulez expansion will help achieve that.

True or false?

- 1) When people breathe unclean air they will die sooner than they would otherwise. T
- 2) Dirty air kills relatives of the readers. F
- 3) Some readers will want to argue they have a right to drive a vehicle that shortens lives. T
- 4) The ultra-low emission zone, or Ulez, should be extended to other UK cities. F
- 5) Burning wood for heating also contributes to bad air quality and should be regulated. T
- 6) If you increase the number of electric charging points it will also improve air quality. T
- 7) Extending the Ulez in London is based on the same principle as prohibiting smoking in public places. T
- 8) Smokers pay more in their health insurance to compensate for the more extensive care they get. F
- 9) Poor people often live on the busiest roads and are thus hit hardest by air pollution. T
- 10) Bad air quality officially killed nine-year old Ella Kissi-Debrah. T

Find these words:

- 1) *v* criticize strongly. ASSAIL
- 2) *v* produce and discharge (something, especially gas or radiation). EMIT
- 3) *adj* characterized by doing or tending to do exactly what one wants, especially when this involves pleasure or idleness. SELF-INDULGENT
- 4) *v* prevent (someone) from accomplishing something. THWART
- 5) *v* put (a decision, plan, agreement, etc.) into effect. IMPLEMENT
- 6) *v* reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on. CURTAIL

7) *adj* relating to the running of a home or to family relations. DOMESTIC

8) *adv* before the due time; ahead of time. PREMATURELY

9) *n* the process or fact of being received as adequate, valid, or suitable. ACCEPTANCE

10) *n* arguing about petty and trivial matters. BICKERING