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THE NEW OPEL CORSA

Opel's new Corsa, which premiered at the Paris Motor Show, is a sporty and economical car with an abundance of technological and safety innovations, fulfilling the challenge to automakers to build a small city car that is affordable and offers all the latest technology. Along with the basic model, the Corsa also comes with various extras - as the Comfort, Elegance, Sport and GSI.

Design : Available as a three-door or a five-door hatchback, the Corsa offers improved climate control and a full-range communications center with hands-free phone, navigation system and state-of-the-art audio. The Corsa's wide track, rack-and-pinion steering and traction control make for sophisticated handling and a sweet aerodynamic design helps suppress noise. Speed-sensitive electric power steering adjusts the level of boost, depending on how fast the vehicle is going. Seat backs can be folded down at different angles, providing a remarkable amount of room. Extras include fog lamps, heated outside mirrors and strong anti-theft protection.

Safety : Safety is the Opel Corsa's middle name (1) : this car leads its class in safety standards. Two front and side smart air bags are standard, and next fall (2) Opel will also offer head-protection air bags. Active headrests protect against whiplash, while the pedal-release system safeguards the driver's feet and legs in the event of a crash. Other standard equipment includes two Isofix child-seat anchor points. OnStar, Opel's wireless call center, is staffed 24/7 for traffic alerts (3), directions and help.

Environment : Concern for the environment was a huge consideration in designing the new Corsa, hence the many recyclable parts as well as compliance in advance with the tough 2005 European emissions requirements. The Corsa's fuel consumption is the lowest in its class, while an onboard system constantly monitors emissions.

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- (1) middle name : ici l'expression signifie : "une autre façon de nommer l'Opel Corsa"
- (2) fall : US for Autumn
- (3) alerts : problems

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QUESTIONS

- 1) Relever, en français, les principales caractéristiques techniques relatives à la conception de base de la nouvelle Opel Corsa. (100 mots minimum)
8 points

- 2) Traduire en français de "Safety ... " à " ... directions and help".
6 points

- 3) Répondre, en anglais, aux deux questions suivantes (120 mots minimum pour l'ensemble des deux questions) :
 - a) Under what circumstances do you think the "OnStar wireless call center" could be helpful ? Please explain. Give examples to justify your point of view.
40 mots.
(2 points)

 - b) What technical features do you think a modern car should have to protect the environment ?
80 mots.
(4 points)