

## Oral Thematic Revision: Transport



### How would you feel on a train like this?

If I \_\_\_\_\_ in such a situation, I would probably feel hot and suffocated. As the train is t\_\_\_\_\_ (pg 76) with people, I would feel very uncomfortable. In fact, I might even feel stressed and \_\_\_\_\_ if the c\_\_\_\_\_ (pg 75; travellers on train) around me fail to respect my personal space and come a step too close. As I would most likely be on my feet, I might also feel \_\_\_\_\_.

However, it is also possible that I might feel nothing at all. A crowded train like this is not uncommon, and as a Singaporean, I am a \_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ to (used to) packed trains such as this one. In fact, I might even feel \_\_\_\_\_ to have squeezed onto the train, as the unlucky ones might have been left standing on the p\_\_\_\_\_. For me, I would listen to some music on my earphones so as to create an o\_\_\_\_\_ of peace and sanity for myself in the midst of this crowd.

### Would you like to own a personal mobility device (PMD)?

I would not mind having a personal mobility device as I think it has its m\_\_\_\_\_ (pg 52; advantages). First and foremost, a PMD would allow me to travel with more independence because I would literally become my own driver. \_\_\_\_\_ a hoverboard or an e-scooter, I would no longer be \_\_\_\_\_ the mercy of bus timetables. Instead, I can simply h\_\_\_\_\_ onto my device any moment I am ready, saving precious \_\_\_\_\_. Furthermore, a PMD would also allow me to c \_ \_ c \_ \_ v \_ \_ \_ (bypass; find a way around) traffic jams. During the rush hour, congestion on the roads can be quite a \_ \_ \_ \_ (pg 30; serious). \_\_\_\_\_ a PMD, we would be able to bypass clogged roads by travelling on footpaths instead. This could facilitate s\_\_\_\_\_ distance travel, such as from our homes to the train station or the neighbourhood park.

Furthermore, I would not mind having a PMD as I can imagine it would be quite fun. PMDs such as e-scooters and hoverboards are relatively easy to o\_\_\_\_\_, and are increasingly used for r\_\_\_\_\_ (fun; enjoyment). As they are small, slim and electric-powered, they allow people to explore areas quickly and conveniently. For example, rather than explore Singapore's Civic District \_\_ foot, I would be able to travel more easily on a PMD, riding between destinations rather than w\_\_\_\_\_ to them. Being on an e-scooter would also give me a feeling of being in control. The feeling of wh\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_ everyone on a scooter might be fun and e\_h\_\_\_\_\_ (thrilling). The other advantage is that PMDs are quite affordable. \_\_\_\_\_ cars that can only be owned by the a\_\_\_\_\_ (pg 23; rich) in Singapore, PMDs do not come with an e\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_ (pg 23; very high) price tag, and can be enjoyed by most families.



### Some say that PMD users are annoying. Why might this be so?

This might be because PMD users have not been very considerate. Some of them park their devices h\_\_\_\_\_ (in a disorganised manner), littering and obstructing footpaths. This makes common spaces u\_s\_\_\_\_\_ (ugly) and dangerous.

Furthermore, some users disregard the safety of p\_\_\_\_\_ (check spelling!) and have no q\_\_\_\_\_ exceeding the legal speed limit. This is particularly true of teenagers. Being young and i\_p\_\_\_\_\_ (pg 58; easily influenced), youths might find it 'cool' to speed along footpaths, especially when they are with their friends. If their friends challenge them to go even faster, some teenagers might s\_\_\_\_\_ (pg 28) to peer pressure in order to prove that they are brave and fun-loving. Unfortunately, such irresponsible behaviour can j\_\_\_\_\_ (pg 49) the safety of pedestrians, especially children and \_\_\_\_\_ elderly. In fact, there \_\_\_\_\_ been a number of accidents that have led to very g\_\_\_\_\_ (pg 30; serious) injuries. This explains why many have a p\_\_\_\_\_ impression \_\_\_\_\_ PMD users.

To make matters w\_\_\_\_\_, there \_\_\_\_\_ also been fires caused by PMDs. Some users leave their devices charging overnight, while others use cheap and inferior batteries which could cause the device to ov\_\_\_\_\_.

## 'PMDs should be banned.' Do you agree?

No, I disagree. While some see these devices as a **m** \_\_\_\_\_ (pg 131; *threat*), I believe the problems that PMDs cause can be managed if proper measures are \_\_\_\_\_ in place. Firstly, the authorities should ensure that riders **c** \_\_\_\_\_ (pg 2) with speed limits. Fines or even jail terms could be meted \_\_\_\_\_ (pg 132) to deter speeding. This would greatly reduce the risks \_\_\_\_\_ to pedestrians. Secondly, before being allowed on footpaths, riders could be made to attend a **m** \_\_\_\_\_ (pg 130; *compulsory*) course. Here, instructors could **u** **d** \_\_\_\_\_ (pg 96; *emphasise*) the importance of safety, and advise PMD owners on the types of batteries that should be purchased, as well as the need to charge their devices away from combustible materials. With increased **a** \_\_\_\_\_, the number of accidents would be reduced.

For me, I would not **a** **v** \_\_\_\_\_ (pg 79; *support*) a ban on PMDs as I feel that these devices could be beneficial to society. Apart from **f** \_\_\_\_\_ our commutes, PMDs are also environmentally friendly as they run on electricity. Banning them without first exploring their potential would be a pity. Moreover, PMDs could be **i** \_\_\_\_\_ **p** \_\_\_\_\_ (pg 129; *essential*) to those with mobility issues. For many senior citizens, mobility becomes a challenge when their knees have **d** **t** \_\_\_\_\_ (pg 3). When this happens, motorised wheelchairs or mobility scooters could be their only way of getting around **i** \_\_\_\_\_. Owning a personal mobility device could be **emp** \_\_\_\_\_ and life-changing, as it would help reacquaint old people with the freedom and control they may have **l** \_\_\_\_\_. Hence, I do not think PMDs should be banned.

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## Answers

### How Would You Feel If...?

were, **teeming** (pg 76), frustrated/irritated/vexed/exasperated/annoyed, **commuters** (pg 75), tired/fatigued/drained/exhausted

accustomed, lucky/fortunate/grateful/glad/relieved, platform, oasis

### Would You Like to Own a PMD?

**merits** (pg 52), With, at, hop, time, circumvent, **acute** (pg 30), With, short

operate, recreation, on, walking, whizzing past, exhilarating, Unlike, **affluent** (pg 23), **exorbitant** (pg 23)

### Are PMD Users Annoying?

haphazardly, unsightly

pedestrians, qualms, **impressionable** (pg 58), **succumb** (pg 28), **jeopardise** (pg 49), the, have, **grave** (pg 30), poor, of

worse, have, overheat

### A Ban On PMDs?

**menace** (pg 131), put, **comply** (pg 2), out, posed, **mandatory** (pg 130), **underscore** (pg 96), awareness

**advocate** (pg 79), facilitating, **indispensable** (pg 129), **deteriorated** (pg 3), independently, empowering, lost