

Cross-Text Connection Exercise 2 Explanations

Q1 — Correct answer: a Nattaya's research found that farms using livestream selling earned 45% more money. This directly supports Somchai's claim that livestream selling changed the durian business for the better.

Why not the others:

- b) This is just a detail about the study, not proof of higher profits.
- c) This doesn't help or hurt the claim about livestream selling.
- d) Buyer preferences aren't related to Somchai's claim about profits.

Q2 — Correct answer: c Prasert says he likes choosing his own hours, even though his pay changes. The study found the same thing: drivers like the freedom, but their income is unpredictable. Both texts show this same idea.

Why not the others:

- a) The study actually says income is *unpredictable*, not stable.
- b) Both texts say drivers *like* flexible hours, not dislike them.
- d) Neither text says ride-hailing apps replaced all taxis.

Q3 — Correct answer: a Kanya thinks the change to electric tuk-tuks will happen quickly, within five years. Wichai is less sure, pointing to problems like few charging stations and high costs. This shows Kanya expects faster change than Wichai does.

Why not the others:

- b) Neither person compares electric tuk-tuks to being "worse" for the environment.
- c) Neither text compares driver income between the two.
- d) Wichai doesn't say government support has ended — Kanya actually mentions it's growing.

Q4 — Correct answer: a The underlined claim says the coffee shop boom is caused only by tourists. Areeya disagrees — she says local Thai professionals are a big reason too, visiting cafes often, even outside tourist season. So she would say the boom has more than one cause.

Why not the others:

- b) Areeya doesn't say tourist numbers have gone down.
- c) Areeya's point is the opposite — locals are important customers too.
- d) Areeya says the opposite: locals visit often, several times a week.

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