Make A Difference Day is celebrated each year on the 4th Saturday in October. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, it is the nation’s largest day of volunteering, thanks to the passion of millions of people like you. Together with long-standing partner HandsOn Network, the generosity of Newman’s Own and hundreds of carrier newspapers, USA WEEKEND rallies millions in a single day to help change the world.

This year’s Make A Difference Day occurred on October 22. Make A Difference Day 2012 will be on Saturday, October 27.

1. De acordo com o texto, “Make A Difference Day” é uma:
   a) expressão da Língua Inglesa que corresponde à expressão brasileira “o dia D”.
   b) gincana anual disputada por milhares de participantes voluntários.
   c) data referente a um feriado dos Estados Unidos, sempre comemorado em outubro.
   d) data criada com o objetivo de recrutar auxílio para trabalhos comunitários.

2. Of these words is not used as a verb in the text?
   a) Created.
   b) Thanks.
   c) Rallies.
   d) Help.

The motor car

(Adaptado de: http://www.ielts.org/PDF/115013_academic_reading_sample_task_-_identifying_information__2__pdf)

(1st) There are now (a) ______ 700 million motor vehicles in the world - and the number is rising by more (b) ______ 40 million each year. The average distance driven (c) ______ car users is growing too (d) ______ 8km a day (e) ______ person (f) ______ western Europe in 1965 (g) ______ 25 km a day in 1995. This dependence on motor vehicles has given rise to major problems, including environmental pollution, depletion (h) ______ oil resources, traffic congestion and safety.

(2nd) Technical solutions can reduce the pollution problem and increase the fuelled efficiency of engines. But fuel consumption and exhaust emissions depend on which cars are preferred by customers and how they are driven. Many people buy larger cars than they need for daily purposes or waste fuel by driving aggressively. Besides, global car use is increasing at a faster rate than the improvement in emissions and fuel efficiency which technology is now making possible.

(3rd) A more likely scenario seems to be a combination of mass transit systems for travel into and around cities, with small ‘low emission’ cars for urban use and larger hybrid or lean burn cars for use elsewhere. Electronically tolled highways might be used to ensure that drivers pay charges geared to actual road use. Better integration of transport systems is also highly desirable - and made more feasible by modern computers. But these are solutions for countries which can afford them. In most developing countries, old cars and old technologies continue to predominate.
3. Match the words given to the letters in parentheses in the first paragraph of the text.

by         in         over         than
from       of         per          to

4. This text fragment has three paragraphs labelled 1st - 2nd - 3rd. Which paragraphs contain the following information? Write the correct number (1st - 2nd - 3rd) on the correspondent line.

a) How driving habits contribute to road problems. _________

b) The writer's prediction on future solutions. _________

c) The increasing use of motor vehicles. _________

5. It can be inferred that this text was not written recently, although the issue is still current. Justify this statement.

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