Unit 3 Extension

1 Read the article about transport 100 years from now. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1 There was little change in transport in the last century. _____
2 Clean energy will be a feature of future transport. _____
3 Large cities will need well-developed transport systems. _____
4 Only a few people will be able to travel in space in the future. _____

Getting around in the 22nd century

Considering the progress in the development of transport in the 20th century, it will be interesting to see how much it will change in the next century. I imagine that the way people travel in the future will be very different from today.

In the first place, it’s likely that more and more methods of transport will be using alternative forms of fuel. It will be cheaper to use biofuels and other clean forms of energy that will reduce pollution. Solar powered vehicles will be a common sight on the roads.

As populations increase in the megacities of tomorrow, public transport will have to be fast and efficient enough to get millions of people around. Public transport systems will use underground roads, as well as tracks high above the ground for superfast trains and trams. At some point, we will have flying public transport in cities.

Finally, I think the next great leap in transportation will be in the development of space travel. It won’t be long before space travel is affordable for everyone. Space colonies will be developed for scientific and other purposes, and ordinary people will begin to travel in space for both business and pleasure.

2 Read the article again. Then match the paragraphs (1–4) with the main points (a–d).

Paragraph 1 _____
Paragraph 2 _____
Paragraph 3 _____
Paragraph 4 _____

a public transport in large cities
b who will use space travel and why
c types of energy to be used for future transport
d past and future changes in transport
3 Read the writing task and answer the questions.

Write an article about the changes you predict will occur in medicine in the next hundred years. Give details about the developments and how they will affect people.

1 Which of these points would NOT be suitable to use in the article? Tick the boxes.
   - How wonderful modern doctors are.
   - What replacement parts will be available for injured parts of the body.
   - Using virtual doctors on the Internet.
   - Hospitals being run by artificial intelligence.
   - Why illness is an unpleasant fact of life.
   - How robots could perform surgery.
   - The development of medicines to prevent epidemics.
   - The use of nanotechnology to treat patients.

2 Which of these would be a more suitable title?
   - Medicine is what keeps us healthy
   - The medical world of tomorrow

3 What style should you use?
   - very formal
   - neutral
   - informal

4 What would be suitable in an opening paragraph? Tick one box.
   - Mention the advantages and disadvantages of modern medicine.
   - Talk about how medicine has changed over the years and how much more it will change in the future.
   - Say why you admire doctors and nurses.

4 Write the task presented in Exercise 3.