

Section 1:

#1 "Backers say autonomous vehicles could vastly decrease human error, responsible for 90% of roadway accidents. With sensors, AI, and real-time data, autonomous systems would avoid drunk driving, distracted driving, and split-second miscalculations."

Strengths: Your writing demonstrates strong topic knowledge by including the specific statistic about human error causing 90% of accidents. You've also provided clear, relatable examples of how autonomous vehicles could help (drunk driving, distracted driving).

Vague Statistical Reference → Whilst you mention "one 2020 study from the Highway Traffic Safety estimated that autonomous vehicles could reduce fatal collisions alot," this reference lacks precision. The organisation's name appears incomplete—it's likely the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Additionally, "alot" is a spelling error (should be "a lot"), and you haven't specified the actual reduction percentage or findings. This weakens your argument because readers cannot verify the claim or understand its significance. Including concrete numbers and the complete source name would strengthen your credibility.

Exemplar: *A 2020 study from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimated that autonomous vehicles could reduce fatal collisions by up to 40%.*

#2 "Then there are the privacy concerns. autonomous vehicles collect loads of data regarding travel patterns, and this raises a number of concerns about surveillance and data misuse by corporations or governments."

Strengths: You've identified an important counterargument about privacy, showing balanced thinking. The concern about both corporations and governments demonstrates thorough consideration of different stakeholders.

Underdeveloped Argument → Your privacy section feels rushed and lacks depth. The phrase "loads of data" is informal and imprecise—what specific types of data are collected? You mention surveillance and misuse but don't explain how this could actually harm people or provide examples. Additionally, "autonomous vehicles" needs capitalisation at the start of the sentence. This paragraph would benefit from exploring what could happen if this data falls into the wrong hands or how it might affect people's daily lives.

Exemplar: *Autonomous vehicles collect detailed information including locations visited, times of travel, and passenger identities, which could enable tracking of individuals' movements without their knowledge.*

#3 "Instead of a direct ban, it may be prudent to adopt it in phases."

Strengths: Your suggestion of a phased approach shows practical thinking and offers a reasonable middle path between extremes.

Confusing Reference → The phrase "instead of a direct ban" creates confusion because your essay discusses mandating autonomous vehicles, not banning them. These are opposite concepts. A mandate would require people to use autonomous vehicles, whilst a ban would prohibit them. This fundamental error affects your entire argument's clarity. You then write "adopt it in phases" without clearly stating what "it" refers to—the mandate? The technology? Your reader shouldn't have to guess your meaning.

Exemplar: *Instead of immediately mandating autonomous vehicles for all drivers, a gradual implementation approach would be more sensible.*

■ Your piece tackles an interesting topic and shows you understand both sides of the autonomous vehicle debate. However, your arguments need more development and specific details to be truly convincing. When you make claims about studies or statistics, always include the complete information so readers can trust what you're saying. Additionally, work on expanding your paragraphs—many of your points feel like they're just beginning when they should go deeper. For instance, your paragraph about lower-income groups only mentions the problem but doesn't explore solutions or real-world impacts. Also, ensure your introduction and conclusion connect more clearly to your main arguments about whether autonomous vehicles should be mandated. Your conclusion mentions "the upliftment it can do to society," but you haven't thoroughly discussed these benefits throughout your essay.

Score: 38/50

Section 2:

With the continuous development of self-driving technology, ~~expecting~~ [which promises] a future of safer roads and even smarter cities, the issue of mandating autonomous vehicles ~~heatedly continues~~ [remains hotly debated]. This paper questions whether a full mandate is the proper path ~~forwards~~ [forward] or whether it would present ~~an obvious risk of skimping on~~ [significant] critical societal and technological challenges.

~~Backers~~ [#2 Supporters] say autonomous vehicles could vastly decrease human error, responsible for 90% of roadway accidents. With sensors, AI, and real-time data, autonomous systems would avoid drunk driving, distracted driving, and split-second miscalculations. For example, one 2020 study from the ~~Highway Traffic Safety~~ [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration] estimated that autonomous vehicles could reduce fatal collisions ~~a lot~~ [a lot].

Then there are the privacy concerns. ~~autonomous~~ [Autonomous] vehicles collect ~~loads~~ [vast amounts] of data regarding travel patterns, and this raises ~~a number of~~ [numerous] concerns about surveillance and data misuse by corporations or governments. Further, the upfront cost might ~~be barring~~ [bar] lower-income groups from using autonomous vehicles, thus creating a mobility divide.

~~A Middle Ground? Instead of a direct ban~~ [#3 A Middle Ground? Instead of an immediate mandate], it may be prudent to adopt ~~it~~ [autonomous vehicles] in phases. For instance, the government could start by offering tax credits for those who adopt autonomous vehicles, ~~set~~ [setting] safety standards to maintain, and ~~educate~~ [educating] the public. Such a policy would retain human-driven vehicles as operational until ~~things get into full gear~~ [the technology matures].

Conclusion

~~Requiring the operation of autonomous vehicles is~~ [Mandating autonomous vehicles is] promising ~~huge~~ [hugely] transformative benefits but at possible costs to equity, safety, and societal readiness. The solution may lie in balancing innovation with cautious regulation. As the world inches ~~toward~~ [towards] a driverless future, the goal should be to ensure that autonomy on our roads serves all people, not just the

privileged few. After all, technology's value lies not in its perfection but in the upliftment it can do to society.