

LÍNGUA INGLESA

Questões de 64 a 70

Read the text below and then choose the alternative which best completes each of the following statements:



A Sweet Ride in Brazil

Alcohol consumption in Brazil is on the rise, but not because people are drinking more. Instead, drivers are filling their gas tanks with ethyl alcohol, or ethanol, which is one of two fuel options used in a new generation of Brazilian cars called Flex. The cars work like traditional vehicles but can run on either gasoline or ethanol derived from sugar cane—a commodity in abundance in Brazil. Volkswagen, Ford, Fiat and GM all produce Flex lines. In May sales of Flex vehicles overtook gasoline models for the first time. By August, Flex sales had risen 61.7%. “I am hard pressed to think of any other technology that has been such a success so quickly,” says Barry Engle, president of Ford Brasil.

Brazil is a leader in this technology by virtue of its extensive expertise at every stage of the supply chain: growing sugar cane efficiently, refining it, converting it to ethanol and manufacturing the cars. Brazil is building ethanol plants and is in a great position to capitalize on its vast experience by selling its knowledge to other countries that decide to adopt this new technology or buy its cars.

In the U.S., where ethanol is usually made from corn, it has had a rockier road partly because government subsidies are seen as benefiting big producers. Brazil’s ethanol industry has created nearly 1 million jobs and helped cut oil imports. Says Alfred Szwarc, an expert with São Paulo’s sugarcane association: “People see Flex cars as the car of the future.” —**By Andrew Downie/ Rio de Janeiro**

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64. Alcohol consumption in Brazil is increasing because:
- A) Sugar-cane exports are decreasing.
 - B) People are drinking more and more.
 - C) Alcohol is getting cheaper every year.
 - D) More people are using alcohol as a fuel.
65. One of the reasons why Brazil is a leader in Flex-vehicle technology is:
- A) Its expertise in gasoline production.
 - B) Its efficiency in growing sugar cane.
 - C) Its successful methods for refining oil.
 - D) Its industrial growth in the last years.
66. The sentence “I am hard pressed to think of any other technology that has been such a success so quickly” best expresses the idea that:
- A) Traditional cars are better than Flex ones.
 - B) Flex cars became an immediate success.
 - C) Brazil has two new generations of cars.
 - D) Flex car sales are on the rise in Brazil.
67. In the U.S., ethanol production:
- A) Usually comes from corn.
 - B) Has developed very much.
 - C) Has created 1 million jobs.
 - D) Is subsidized by big companies.
68. The text does not state that:
- A) Alcohol consumption is directly linked to people’s drinking habits in Brazil.
 - B) According to a sugar-cane expert, people see Flex cars as the car of the future.
 - C) More Flex cars than gasoline models were sold in May last year in Brazil.
 - D) The president of Ford Brasil is very optimistic about the technology of Flex cars.
69. The information that is not in the text is:
- A) Brazil has adopted a new technology for car manufacturing.
 - B) Brazil can sell Flex-car technology to other countries.
 - C) Brazil will supply ethanol to many foreign countries.
 - D) Brazil has a chance to become a Flex-car exporter.
70. The text suggests that the car of the present and the future is:
- A) A cheaper car.
 - B) A popular car.
 - C) A leading car.
 - D) A two-fuel car.

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