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1-2E: persuasive “PEEL” paragraph (25 marks)

Topic: Should talking on a phone while driving be illegal?

In fact, it should be illegal to talk on the phone while driving, even when hands-free is on. There are two major hazards about making or receiving calls while driving on a car: Firstly, it could distract the driver's attention. For instance, it is obviously that we need to free up one hand to answer the phone, which requires us to operate the car with the other one. However, when there are some special situations that need us to handle with both hands while driving, it would be pretty dangerous. What's more, when people make or receive calls, the brain response is 30% slower than drunk driving. And not to mention that the young driver's reaction speed is only equivalent to 70-year-old driver while answering the phone which sharply weakens the driver's ability to respond; secondly, the risk of traffic accidents caused by driving by phone is 4 times higher than usual, and more than 30% of fatal traffic accidents are caused by driver's lack of concentration; According to the survey data, the chance of a car accident is 23 times higher when you pick up the phone while driving; when you answer the phone, the hands-free is turned on, and the line of sight stays on the screen of the mobile phone is generally close to 5 seconds. Calculated at 80 to 90 km/h, 5 seconds is enough to drive past a football field. Before the car accident almost happened, these 5 seconds were enough for the driver to fully avoid the disaster. Therefore, for the sake of people's safety, I insist that making phone calls while driving should be illegal.