

## S3 English Language Holiday work

### Summary Writing

**Read the following passage and answer the question that follows it.**

Take it or leave it, a ride on a boda boda has so often saved the day for a number of kampalans. They are too fast and will shoot into any direction you point them. That is why teenagers are apt when they cheekily call them 'bullets'. Like real bullets, boda bodas are deadly. Up to 70% of the people admitted in the Mulago casualty ward are boda boda victims. You just need to see boda boda riders at work to understand why the statistic is so high. They precariously weave in and out of traffic, overtake on the inside, treat one-way streets and red traffic lights as if they are optional, drive along the pavement or wrong side of the road to mention but a few.

In addition, many of the boda boda riders do not have licenses, have never undergone road use training and therefore do not know traffic rules and /or cannot interpret the signs. Unlike other business people including newspaper vendors, boda bodas are generally not required to pay fees for the space they use and therefore pitch camp wherever they choose. This usually are strategic street junctions where their presence compromises the movement of other traffic.

As if to kill or endanger their passengers, riders and other road users, these super convenient vehicles are increasingly becoming vehicles of crime. The city has in the past few weeks seen three shooting incidents-one of them fatal. All of them were done by people riding on boda bodas. 'They can easily conceal guns under their jackets,' Simeo Nsubuga, the Kampala Extra police spokesperson explains.

The city council also believes that boda bodas largely contribute to the congestion in the city. Over 5000 riders are registered in the central division according to the chairman of Kampala Union of Boda boda Riders (KUBOCA). Police statistics show that an addition of 1900 riders are registered in Kampala monthly.

(Adapted from the New Vision, September 27 2008)

#### **Question:**

**In not more than 100 words, show how boda bodas are deadly.**