**Listening Exercise 166**

Technology

European Spanish Accent

“Sin estudiar enferma el alma”. Séneca (2 AC-65) Filósofo latino.. ☺

Guidelines:

1. Review the questions
2. Listen to the audio twice (click the icon). (If link does not work from email, save to computer and then open).
3. Answer the questions. If unable to answer from the audio, refer to the transcript.
4. Refer to the transcript, vocabulary, translation and answers to confirm correct responses and gauge understanding



**Questions**

1. Which company is involved?

* 1. Amazon
  2. Google
  3. Tesla
  4. Uber

1. What is the main topic discussed?
   1. Government authorization
   2. Pilot training program
   3. Self-driving car accident
   4. Passenger satisfaction
2. What did the company state wasn’t needed?
   1. Debate
   2. Drivers
   3. Permission
   4. Program
3. Officials ordered the company to:
   1. Make special roads
   2. Pay a fine
   3. Halt its activity
   4. Start legal actions
4. What details are provided about the ‘incident’?
   1. Accidental crash
   2. Details not provided
   3. Pedestrian injured
   4. Traffic ticket issued
5. What can be inferred from the article?
   1. Consumer protection is priority
   2. The company is in a good position
   3. The government is in control
   4. Regulation stifles innovation

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| En miércoles unas horas después de que Uber estrenara su coche auto-conducido, un Volvo XC-90, tuvo lugar un primer incidente. El incidente tuvo lugar en un día complicado para la empresa. | On Wednesday, a few hours after Uber debuted its self-driving car, a Volvo XC-90, a first incident took place. The incident happened on a difficult day for the company. |
| Horas antes anunciaron que habían comenzado un programa piloto para la recogida de pasajeros en coches sin conductor en San Francisco pero lo hicieron sin tener antes la aprobación de las autoridades. En un comunicado dijeron que entendían que había un debate sobre si necesitaban o no un permiso para lanzar el programa pero que ellos pensaban que no. | Hours earlier they announced that they had begun a pilot program for picking up passengers in cars without drivers in San Francisco but did so without prior approval from the authorities. In a statement they said they understood that there was a debate about whether or not they needed a permit to launch the program but that they thought not. |
| Sin embargo, las autoridades del tráfico ordenaron a Uber la cancelación del programa sin conductores incluso amenazaron a la empresa con emprender acciones legales. En su opinión, por cosas así es mucho más seguro hacer carreteras para coches auto-conducidos. | However, the traffic authorities ordered Uber to cancel the driverless program, and even threatened the company with legal action. In its opinion, for such things it is much safer to make roads for self-driving cars. |