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Answer the question below.

Based on the first paragraph, which is an opinion people might have had in the early 1900s?

- A Someday I will be able to afford a car.
- B There are many car makers to choose from.
- C A car is called a horseless carriage.
- D I don’t think I’ll ever own a car.

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Which of the following words from the second paragraph is a clue that Henry Ford had a strong opinion?

- A dream
- B person
- C \$28,000
- D company

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Based on the passage, which of the following appears to be a fact?

- A Henry Ford should have started making cars sooner.
- B Henry Ford’s cars were the best-made cars in the United States.
- C People would have bought Henry Ford’s cars at higher prices.
- D The assembly line allowed Henry Ford to price cars reasonably.