**A description of the problem and a discussion of the background. (15 marks)**

Car accidents cause enormous amounts of injuries and fatalities around the world. Road speeds are usually decided on based on type of road i.e. highway or number of bends etc. If there is a legal limit put in place on a road, the likelihood is that most drivers will strive to adhere to this. However, what if those who adhere to the speed limit cause the same number of accidents as those who don’t? Should the speed limit not be revisited as a result of this? If weather conditions are altered and impacts on accident severity, should speed limits be taken into account for this too? This project aims to examine the data to determine whether speeding is a significant causing factor in accident fatalities and if so, whether more strict measures should be put in place to punish those who do speed.