Travel Information

Popular tourist spots often become crowded on weekends. Some visitors check travel websites before leaving home, and by doing so, they can choose a good time to visit. Such websites provide useful information about traffic and parking. This helps visitors plan their trips more carefully. However, the information may change quickly, so visitors should check it again just before they leave.

Your story should begin with this sentence:

One day, Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka were planning a drive to a lake.

No. 1

According to the passage, how can some visitors choose a good time to visit?

No. 2

Please look at the picture and describe the situation. You have 20 seconds to prepare. Your story should begin with the sentence on the card.

<20 seconds>　Please begin.

Now, please turn over the card and put it down.

No. 3

Some people say that tourist spots should provide more buses from nearby train stations. What do you think about that?

No. 4

Today many people take short trips on weekends. Do you think people should visit places near their homes more often?

Yes. → Why? / No. → Why not?

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解答例・答えるコツ・出題の意図を読むヒント

解答は一例です。ヒントは学習用で、公式の採点基準ではありません。

No. 1 | How ...? → By ...ing

By checking travel websites before leaving home.

【ねらい】本文から結果につながる方法を読み取る。
【読み取るヒント】choose a good time to visit の前を見る。by doing so は、出発前に旅行情報のウェブサイトを確認することを指す。
【コツ】今回は方法を聞くhowなので、By + 動詞のing形で答える。

No. 2 | Describe the story

One day, Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka were planning a drive to a lake. Mr. Tanaka said to his wife, "Let's drive to this lake on Sunday." He was pointing at a picture on his laptop, and Mrs. Tanaka was holding a map. A few days later, Mr. Tanaka was driving to the lake. Mrs. Tanaka was looking at the map. Two hours later at the lake, Mr. Tanaka was looking at the crowded parking lot. Mrs. Tanaka was pointing at a sign that said "FULL." They could not find a place to park.

【ねらい】時間の流れに沿って出来事を説明する。
【読み取るヒント】①湖へのドライブを提案 → ②車で向かう → ③駐車場が満車。１コマ目は写真を指す・地図を持つ。２コマ目は運転する・地図を見る。３コマ目は混んだ駐車場を見る・FULLの看板を指す。駐車できない状況は could not find a place to park でも説明できる。
【コツ】指定のOne dayから始め、吹き出しと時間表示を生かす。was / were + -ingで主役２人の動作を伝える。

No. 3 | Opinion and reasons

I agree. More visitors could travel without cars. This would help reduce traffic around tourist spots.

I disagree. Running more buses costs a lot of money. Some buses may have only a few passengers on weekdays.

【ねらい】主張への賛否と理由を伝える。
【読み取るヒント】more buses は観光地と駅を結ぶバスを増やす提案。渋滞の軽減と、運行費用・利用者数を理由にできる。
【コツ】I agree. / I disagree. → 理由 → 具体例やもう一つの理由。

No. 4 | Answer the actual question

Yes. They can save time and money. They may also discover interesting places in their own towns.

No. Visiting distant places gives people new experiences. They can learn about different ways of life.

【ねらい】身近な話題に自分の考えと根拠を示す。
【読み取るヒント】should と near their homes に注目。「今後増えるか」ではなく「自宅近くの場所をもっと訪れるべきか」を尋ねている。近場の利点、遠出の利点から考える。
【コツ】Yes / Noを伝え、Why? / Why not? に理由を続ける。

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