

Question No. 1

M: Look! This picture is from last spring.

W: What a beautiful garden!

M : Amazing, isn't it? And the skyscrapers in the distance.

W: Uh-huh. By the way, who's the woman beside you?

Question No. 2

W: Our bill is 85 dollars.

M: I have a fifteen-dollar discount coupon.

W: Remember, Mom gave us ten dollars. Let's use that as well.

M: OK, and then we can split the rest.

Question No. 3

M: How's your new job?

W: Well, my boss is OK, and I don't spend much time commuting.

M: But I've heard you often work weekends.

W: Still, I enjoy being with my co-workers.

Question No. 4

W: Our shop recommends this new phone.

M: Is there anything cheaper?

W: The earlier model's out of stock but will arrive soon. It's half the price.

M : Could you hold one for me?

Question No. 5

M: Let's go! The meeting will start soon.

W: We still have plenty of time. Doesn't the meeting start at 2?

M: Yeah, in ten minutes.

W: Oh, no! My watch is 20 minutes behind.

Question No. 6

W: Our survey shows the number of foreigners visiting our museum has been decreasing.

M: Especially from Europe.

W: But the number from Asia is on the rise.

M: At least that's good news.

Question No. 7

W: Ah, Marcos, there you are.

M: I just came back from the store.

W: Did you get everything? How about the batteries?

Question No. 8

M: Ready to order?

W: No, not yet. Do you have any vegetarian meals?

M: They're on the second to the last page.

Question No. 9

M: What did you think of the drawing contest?

W: To be honest, I'm kind of surprised Hiroshi won.

M: Right. I thought Ayako had a good chance.

Question No. 10

W: Grandpa, which runs faster, a lion or a tiger?

M: Well, which do you think is faster, Patty?

W: I'm asking because I don't know.

Question No. 11

M: Jane, how many copies do we need?

W: Twenty copies on white paper and twice as many on pink.

M: OK, 20 on pink and 40 on white.

Question No. 12

W: So, how was your geography class this term?

M: All right, Mom. It was fun, and I do like maps.

W: Do you think you'll get a good grade?

Question No. 13

W: Morning, Steve. Is something wrong?

M: I changed my computer password. Now I can't remember it.

W: I think you told me yesterday you'd changed it back to what it was before.

Question No. 14

W: What's for dinner tonight, Dad?

M: Hmm, we have vegetables in the fridge for fried rice.

W: You're not going shopping? Then let's eat out.

M: It's pouring outside. I'd rather stay home.

W: What about the restaurant around the corner? I feel like curry.

M: OK, they deliver, and I won't need to cook.

Question No. 15

M: How many books can I borrow from the library?

W: Up to four at a time.

M: For how long?

W: Two weeks, but you can extend the period a week at a time if no one has requested the book.

M: Can I do it online?

W: Sure, but only once for online extensions.

Question No. 16

W: Did you do the homework about interviewing someone you admire?

M: Yes. Who did you interview?

W: My aunt. She's a doctor. How about you?

M: My neighbor. He volunteers at an animal shelter.

W: Good for him! How long has he been doing that?

M: Oh, I'll have to ask him.

Questions No. 17 to 19

M: OK, how about a cruise first?

W: Sounds great! It lasts an hour, so we could have lunch after that.

M: This restaurant looks good. It's probably 30 minutes or so from the pier. If we leave right after the cruise, we can get there around noon.

W: Perfect! There's a castle just north of it. What do you think?

M: Yeah..., I was hoping we could take the kids here to feed the rabbits before heading to the hotel.

W: OK, let's visit the castle tomorrow, then.

M: All right. Oh, there's apple picking. Hmm, it's a shame it's too early in the year.

W: Don't forget, we need to be at the hotel by 5:30 for dinner.

M: Right. Look! How about stopping here? It's on the way from the zoo to the hotel. We could take our annual family photo there.

W: Maybe that's too much for one day.

M: I suppose.... Let's do that tomorrow afternoon.

Questions No. 20 to 22.

When I was an exchange student in Japan over 20 years ago, I lived in a dormitory. It was an unforgettable, transforming experience. Several things bothered me during that time, though. Learning Japanese, performing dorm duties, and obeying dorm rules were especially troublesome. For example, there was a curfew, which meant we had to return no later than 10 in the evening. One of the duties was cleaning the floors and the bathroom. I wouldn't have minded, but it had to be done before everyone else got up. Telephone duty was another annoying responsibility. Mobile phones weren't available back then. Amazingly, the only phone was on the first floor, and we took turns answering it. I knew having a phone in each room was too costly, but surely a phone on each floor would've been reasonable. Many of these duties and rules felt like burdens to me. Although it was a huge challenge communicating in a foreign language and dealing with these obstacles, it turned out to be beneficial for me. It forced me to improve my language ability and adapt very quickly. I realize now that overcoming these difficulties helped me grow up and become a more responsible person.

Questions No. 23 to 25

Tokiko Thanks for coming to the meeting. The international programs office has asked us to put together a booklet for students going abroad. Since all of us have studied abroad, they think our suggestions will help other students get ready. Justin, what do you think we should include?

Justin Well, Tokiko, we need to focus on practical items first. For instance, sometimes it takes a while to get passports and visas. We could suggest they start that process early. Also, they'll need a health check and travel insurance. Karen, did you have something to add?

Karen Yeah, I'm thinking about cultural aspects. Don't they need to know some history or study about the society and learn the local customs long before they leave? Maybe they should consider these things in order to choose a country of destination.

Tokiko That's right, Karen. Preparing to live there has to come first. Also, what they pack in their suitcases depends a lot on where they go. That's a really fun part-deciding what to take. In my experience I was glad I took light clothing I could wear in layers, rather than heavy, winter clothes.

Justin OK, but there are still other things to do before you actually pack. What about airline tickets? Getting tickets early can save money, and there'll be more choices of dates. So I think that also needs to be on the list.

Karen That's true, Justin, but you really shouldn't buy tickets until you're sure you have permission to live there.... Oh, I know what else we could do! Maybe we can include short essays or personal stories about our experiences and host families. It might help students get mentally prepared,

Tokiko That's an option.... Well, we're getting there, but we still have a long way to go.