

英語

標準クラス

説明文・記事と評価

読解 I



1. You are getting ready to start college . You have moved into a one-bedroom apartment near the campus and now need to buy a refrigerator . Today on a website , you found one that looks good .

**OBN FRDG-2S 140 Liter Double Door Refrigerator**

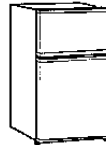
**\$199.99**

by Obun Electric Company

★★★★☆ 164 Customer reviews

**Our Best Seller in Refrigerators !**

**Perfect for college students !**



This refrigerator is built to hold a variety of items - from 2-liter bottles and soda cans , to items that need to stay frozen . The compact body and four different choices of color make it perfect for any small apartment or office .

**Features** - - - - -

**Size** - Compact

**Type** - Double door

**Color** - White / Silver / Black / Red

Door-pocket storage for 2-liter bottles

Good-Sized Freezer

**Energy efficiency:**

Estimated Operating Cost

Summer : \$8 per month

Spring / Fall : \$4 per month

Winter : \$3 per month

**Customer Ratings and Reviews:**

101\_Blue\_Devil

★★★★☆



I'm a college student and I live in a dormitory on campus . My previous fridge broke after only one year of use , so I bought this one . It is really cold , it holds a lot of drinks and ice cream and it runs very quietly . So far , I like it a lot . If it lasts until I graduate , I will give it five stars then !

Ex\_Longhorn\_07

★★★★★



The cool design with a black exterior makes it fit perfectly in my room . It is a small fridge , yet holds everything I need . If you don't cook regularly at home , this is all you need !

問1. This refrigerator would be good if you live by yourself and (1) .

- ① do not need a freezer
- ② do not prepare meals very often
- ③ want a large refrigerator
- ④ want a simple one-door refrigerator

問2. If this refrigerator is used in a city with a climate that changes throughout four seasons, the expected energy cost over a year would be (2) .

- ① about \$20
- ② about \$50
- ③ about \$45
- ④ about \$60

問3. One of the customers , 101\_Blue\_Devil , did not give this refrigerator five stars because (3) .

- ① it has already broken
- ② it makes a lot of noise
- ③ she is not sure if it will last long
- ④ she thinks it is just OK

問4. According to the website , one fact ( not an opinion ) about this refrigerator is that (4) .

- ① it can chill 3-liter bottles
- ② it is ideal for male students
- ③ it is the company's best-selling refrigerator
- ④ it is very quiet

問5. According to the website , one opinion ( not a fact ) about this refrigerator is that (5) .

- ① it has a good design
- ② it is suitable for office use rather than home use
- ③ one user has given it four stars
- ④ you can choose one with a black exterior

2. Your English teacher gave you an article to help you prepare for the debate in the next class . A part of this article with one of the comments is shown below .

### Japan to Go Cashless

By *George Powers*, Tokyo

2 JULY 2019 11:31 AM

The Japanese government released its " Cashless Vision " in April 2018 to promote cashless payment systems . The ratio of cashless payment usage is now about 20 percent in Japan , and the government is trying to increase the ratio to 40 percent by 2025 , when the World Expo is held in Osaka .

The report states that cashless payment systems will reduce the amount of work at stores and restaurants , and thus can help to solve the problem of labor shortages . Also , using digital money instead of cash will help the government collect taxes more efficiently . Moreover , cashless payment systems are considered safer and borderless ( tourists from other countries can make payments easily ) .

However , there are problems and concerns , too . A financial technology engineer says, ' You will have virtually no privacy in a cashless society . The systems record what you buy , and when and where . And the data recorded will be shared with banks , credit card companies , and possibly with the government . That is spooky ." Also , though digital money is generally considered safer , this is only true when there is a stable power supply which means a natural disaster , for example , can instantly throw a large number of people into financial chaos .

#### 61 Comments

Newest

**Megumi Yamamura** 2 JULY 2019 8:31 PM

Cashless payment systems are only good for large companies and the government . I run a small restaurant in a suburb of Tokyo and now accept various cashless payment options . Unfortunately , all it does is make me pay a fee to a credit card company every time a cashless payment is made !

問1. According to the article , the Japanese government is trying to (1)

- ① decrease the usage of cashless payment methods to 40 percent by 2025
- ② develop new cashless technology before the World Expo
- ③ double the ratio of cashless payment usage by 2025
- ④ increase the ratio of cashless payment usage by 40 percent before the World Expo

問2. Your team will support the debate topic , " Japan should become a cashless society ." In this article , one opinion ( not a fact ) helpful for your team is that (2) .

- ① cashless systems may contribute to solving the problem of the shortage of workers
- ② depending on cashless systems is not necessarily safer than using cash
- ③ the government is unable to collect taxes effectively without cashless systems
- ④ users can save some money by using cashless payment methods

問3. The other team will oppose the debate topic . In this article , one opinion ( not a fact ) helpful for that team is that (3) .

- ① it is better to develop new technology for payments
- ② it is possible to build cashless systems which can resist power failures
- ③ only tourists can benefit from a cashless society
- ④ privacy may not be protected in a cashless society

問4. In the 3rd paragraph of the article , “ That is spooky “ means that the situation (4) .

- ① is comfortable for him
- ② is unfavorable for rich people
- ③ makes him feel secure
- ④ makes him feel uneasy

問5. According to her comment , Megumi Yamamura (5) the government promoting cashless payment systems .

- ① has no particular opinion about
- ② partly agrees with
- ③ strongly agrees with
- ④ strongly disagrees with

3. You are on vacation abroad and are interested in taking a local guided tour .  
On a website , you found one that looks good .

### Snorkel with dolphins : a single-day guided tour ( small group )

\$100.00

In this tour , you will swim with dolphins in the tropical ocean with an expert guide . This is one of our most popular tours , and we are sure you will love it !

**Included :**  Snorkeling set     Bilingual expert guide ( English / Spanish )  
 Free hotel pickup     Lunch (add \$20 to upgrade to premium)  
 Drinks ( soft drinks and water )

#### Notes :

Minimum age : 8

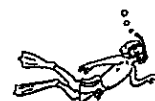
Minimum number of participants : 3

Maximum number of participants : 10

Environmental tax : \$10 ( not included in the price of the tour )

Tip : 10 percent of the final price of the tour

If the tour is canceled due to bad weather or lack of participants , you'll be offered a different date or a full refund .



#### 68 Customer reviews

Love Traveling\_86    August 2019



It was one of the most exciting experiences I have ever had ! The ocean was beautiful , the guide was wonderful , and the lunch was gorgeous ! ( I paid an extra \$20 for an upgrade . ) The boat ride was a little bit rough , but the seasickness medicine they gave me was very effective .

Morita\_Family>HelloWorld    July 2019



The clear water was awesome , and we were able to see not only dolphins but whale sharks and manta rays as well . The lunch was just OK , but everything else was more than perfect ! My wife and I had a great time , and our kids enjoyed it even more . I cannot recommend this tour highly enough .

問1. This tour would be good if you want to (1) .

- ① enjoy beautiful ocean and meet some sea creatures
- ② go to the beach and have a party
- ③ stay indoors and relax on a hot, humid day
- ④ visit historical sites with a tour guide

問2. In the case that the customers request a better lunch , the total cost of this tour for one person will be (2) .

- ① \$100
- ② \$122
- ③ \$132
- ④ \$142

問3. One of the benefits of the tour is that (3) .

- ① guidance in Asian languages is guaranteed
- ② lunch is served at an extra cost
- ③ participants can rent private boats
- ④ the tour office staff will pick you up at your hotel

問4. On the website , one fact ( not an opinion ) about this tour is that (4) .

- ① a family with children will enjoy it very much
- ② a previous participant got seasick and took medicine
- ③ it is offered only to people who speak English
- ④ you should take your friends to enjoy it more

問5. On the website , one opinion ( not a fact ) about this tour is that (5) .

- ① it will be canceled if there are not enough participants
- ② people will surely love this tour
- ③ this tour isn't recommended for everyone
- ④ you can always see whale sharks and manta rays



4. Your English teacher gave you an article to help you prepare for the debate in the next class . A part of this article with one of the comments is shown below .

### **New Graduates Care About Work Environment More Than Money**

By Christine Sakamoto , Tokyo

16 MAY 2019 10:38 AM

According to a survey by an online job site , new college graduates in Japan rated " good work environment ( less stressful work and more vacation time ) " as the most important factor in choosing a job-not " high salary " .

" Companies may not welcome this trend , " says a business analyst . " The work environment of a company is something you cannot know until you have worked there . So it often happens that new hires find their environment different from what they imagined and end up quitting their jobs . However , some managers believe that successful companies need to prioritize high salaries over the work environment .

On the other hand , there are people who think this trend is a positive one . Yoshiko Otsuka , the president of a leading advertising company , is one of them . She says , " The ultimate goal of a company is not money but the contribution to people's lives , and it should start within the company . The trend reminds us of this truth ." She also mentioned her employees are more creative and productive in a better work environment .

#### **26 Comments**

Newest

**Prisha Gupta** 1 JUNE 2019 9:21 PM

I'm from India , and I am surprised to learn that young Japanese people are not so interested in money . In India , young college graduates work very hard . In large companies especially , they often work extremely hard and have no life . But they are happy as long as they make a lot of money . And thanks to them , the Indian economy is booming . I'm afraid Japan' s economic power will decline soon .

問1. According to the online job site , Japanese new college graduates think (1) most important when they choose a job .

- ① a comfortable work environment
- ② getting a high salary
- ③ opportunities for promotion
- ④ the distance from home to work

問2. Your team will support the argument , " The trend toward seeking a comfortable work environment is not welcome . " In this article , one **opinion** (not a fact) helpful for your team is that (2) .

- ① companies make new graduates work harder
- ② companies should observe labor laws
- ③ giving priority to comfort lowers worker motivation
- ④ companies should offer good salaries to their employees

問3. The other team will oppose the argument . In this article , one **opinion** (not a fact) helpful for that team is that (3) .

- ① a good work environment helped increase worker creativity
- ② companies should only care about making a profit
- ③ the job separation rate of the young is increasing
- ④ the trend may encourage companies to care more about workers' well-being

問4. In the comment by Prisha Gupta , " have no life " means (4) .

- ① " are too tired to work overtime "
- ② " have serious health problems "
- ③ " do not have enough time to eat properly "
- ④ " have no time to enjoy things other than work "

問5. According to her comment , Prisha Gupta (5) the trend stated in the article .

- ① has no particular opinion about
- ② partly agrees with
- ③ strongly agrees with
- ④ strongly disagrees with