

第3問 (配点 15)

- A You are staying by yourself in Sydney, Australia, and thinking of eating out. You are searching for tips and find a blog.

Solo Dining

As someone who frequently travels abroad alone, one thing I enjoy is dinner in an elegant restaurant, but sometimes I feel uncomfortable. In many English-speaking countries, eating out by yourself, “solo dining,” is not common. So, what do you do if it’s just you? Finding a “table for one” to enjoy dinner can be a big task.

Interestingly, on a recent trip alone to Australia I discovered that solo diners are increasing. I ate dinner at The Weir, a riverside restaurant in Adelaide. Before I went in, I could see diners eating alone on the terrace, while checking their phones. When I entered, in the lounge there were only couples and groups of guests. I was warmly welcomed, taken to the terrace, and enjoyed a delicious meal.

My experience in Adelaide was a turning point in my feelings towards solo dining. Later, I learnt that the rise of the smartphone and social media has led to changes in attitudes towards it for both restaurants and guests. On my next trip to Paris, I will try solo dining at one of the restaurants I have long wanted to go to.

問 1 Before the trip to Australia, the author of the blog

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- ① had mixed feelings about solo dining and worried about finding a table just for himself
- ② had never experienced solo dining because he had always had someone to dine with
- ③ was negative about solo dining because his requests for a table to dine alone had been rejected
- ④ was positive about solo dining thanks to a good experience at his favourite restaurant in Paris

問 2 Choices ① to ⑥ show the state of each table. Which one best illustrates the situation when the author entered the restaurant? 17

①

NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AT EACH TABLE NOW											
Terrace						Lounge					
0		1		0		2		0		0	
L		I		F		C					
1		0		2		0					
K		H		E		B					
4		3		0		0					
J		G		D		A					

B You have been asked to keep an online diary available only to other students in the class, to follow at least one other student, and to respond to their posts. You chose to read Christina's diary because you are also thinking of moving into an apartment.

I'm so happy to be leaving the university dorm and moving into a quiet apartment 😊! Renting an apartment is expensive in Osaka! The day before yesterday, I finally received a money transfer from my mum and dad in Singapore and was able to pay the apartment agency. I'd wanted to move in this Wednesday, but they say the earliest I can move in is Thursday. But that's my birthday, and I have other more important things to do 😊, so I'll be getting my key on Friday the 24th at 9 am.

2023.03.19 Sun. 11:16

Because of the design of my new apartment, I've had to think carefully about the order I'm having stuff delivered. You have to walk through the kitchen/living room to get to the bedroom, and the only place I can put my second-hand washing machine is right next to the *genkan*. So my big wardrobe, a present from my mum and dad, is being delivered first, tomorrow, with the special permission of the agency. I decided to have the washing machine delivered the week after I move in and everything has settled down. The delivery of my fridge and kitchen table is scheduled for late afternoon on the day I move in.

2023.03.21 Tue. 22:24

I had my birthday party today 😊! Very busy—moving in tomorrow! Also very annoyed—my wardrobe wasn't delivered 😞. They've promised me it'll come next week, but I don't know if that'll be before or after the washing machine...

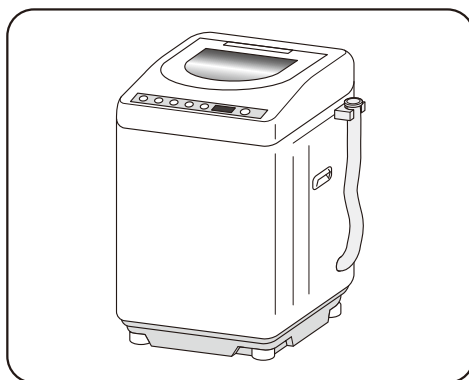
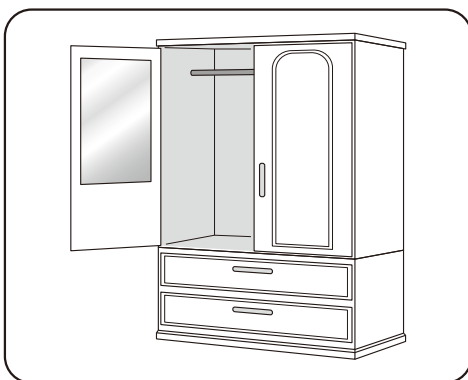
2023.03.23 Thur. 23:08

Almost done 😊. Bought some dishes and a rug at a discount store this afternoon. It's great to be out of the dorm and have some privacy.

2023.03.25 Sat. 18:46

Both the wardrobe and the washing machine came today (see photos). Luckily, they came in the right order 😊. Got to start studying again, I've done very little at all for more than a week now...

2023.03.29 Wed. 14:20



問 1 The following events are described in Christina's online diary:

- ① Christina buys a rug and dishes.
- ② Christina has her birthday party.
- ③ Christina moves into her apartment.
- ④ Christina's fridge comes.
- ⑤ Christina's parents send her money.
- ⑥ Christina's wardrobe is delivered.
- ⑦ Christina's washing machine arrives.

Which of ①, ③ and ④ happened first?

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Which of ②, ③ and ⑤ happened first?

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Which of ①, ② and ⑥ happened last?

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Which of ④, ⑥ and ⑦ happened last?

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(You must have all of

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 correct to get points.)

問 2 You are checking all the student responses to Christina's 2023.03.23. post. Which response appears to be a **misunderstanding**? 22

①

Calm down!
Try not to get so angry!
Tomorrow is another day!

②

Do you need any help moving
in? I'd really love to give you
a hand.

③

Good to hear your wardrobe
will come tomorrow!
Best of luck!

④

Which delivery company are
you using? I don't want to use
them...

問 3 Which of these is **not** true about Christina? 23

- ① Her birthday is important to her.
- ② She frequently gets very lonely.
- ③ She is a very organised person.
- ④ She is quite careful with money.