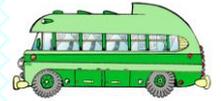




TWO SIDES OF TOURISM



1. Read the text and choose True or False statements:



Tourism Today

People travel all over the world and attend a lot of interesting places. The effect of travelling of large amount of people sometimes is incredible. Here are some examples of it.

Large number of people coming to one place once at a time can have less comfortable accommodation as it was in Scotland where only 40% of tourists were offered hotels.

Tourism is one of the principal contributions of pollution in the Mediterranean Sea and as the number of people increase, the problem worsen. Several laws and initiatives have been implemented in order to protect the Mediterranean Sea from further degradation.

The rapid tourism development of Bali has had a great effect on its natural environment, affecting water resources, increasing pollution and localized flooding, as well as putting pressure on the island's infrastructure.

In Cancun, Mexico, tourism has "extensively damaged the lagoon, obliterated sand dunes, led to the extinction of varying species of animals and fish, and destroyed the rainforest which surrounds" the island. It was only twenty years after it was developed, that the government of Mexico decided to limit projects along the coast to prevent further damage to the island's environment.

In Trinidad and Tobago there are shortages of water due to the overpopulation of tourists on the island. The most damaging effect of tourism has been the destruction of coral reefs, as they are harvested for sale to tourists and destroyed by tourists stepping on them as they enter the water. (adapted from www.1.american.edu)

True or False statements:

- The effect of tourism is only positive.
- Tourism is responsible for pollution of the Mediterranean Sea.
- There are shortages of water in Trinidad and Tobago.
- Tourism made no damage in Cancun, Mexico.

3. What places do tourists usually choose to visit?

Universities	Shops	Ballet
Cafes	Bars	Rivers
Museums	Theatres	Resorts
Churches	Cathedrals	Bridges
Schools	Markets	Hospitals
Cinemas	Castles	Zoos
Palaces	Restaurants	Hotels
Mountains	Parks	Pools
Stadiums	Caves	Airports

2. Read the text and answer the questions:

Is Tourism Profitable?

We know that tourism is very important for the revenue of some countries. Economically, tourism can create jobs for local people and bring money into the country.

Tourism development usually starts with the construction of hotels, resorts and other places for tourists to stay. In addition there may be restaurants, night clubs, and recreation facilities such as golf courses, tennis courts, swimming pools, and marinas. Whenever possible, tourism developers prefer to build on the coast, where the hotel will front on a beach and perhaps a coral reef, yet the coast is the most fragile and vulnerable area on an island.

Building roads, airports and docks may be positive as well as negative. Such facilities benefit local people as well as tourists, reducing the isolation of remote areas and increasing the convenience of travel within the country and overseas. Tourism development can thus support useful expenditures that could not be justified for the local people alone.

The social impacts of tourism may also be important. People can have jobs. Most jobs for local people in the tourist industry are as servants, house maids, waiters, gardeners and other menial work. There also appear a lot of shops and small cafes where people can buy something unusual made by local people or have a snack. These and other social effects may be among the most important long-term impacts of tourism development.

Improvements that help tourism, like better transportation, tree planting, restoration of historic sites, urban beautification and cleanliness, also improve the environment for the local population. Tourism development can help to stimulate general community improvement.

(adapted from <http://islands.unep.ch>)

Questions:

- Why is tourism very important for some countries?
- What facilities appear with the development of tourism?
- What do these facilities reduce?
- Is social impact of tourism positive or negative?
- Can tourism improve environment?



4. Your experience:

Do you like to travel? Where do you like to travel with your parents? What month do you usually choose for travelling? What places have you visited? Are these places beautiful? What is your favourite place? Have you seen a lot of tourists there? Is this place clean? Do the tourists throw litter on the ground? Are there good facilities for tourists there? Are local people polite there? Were there any conflicts with local people? Would you recommend your friends to visit this place?



