

□ 次の英文は、あるイギリス人が書いた本の中の一章である。これを読んで、設問に答えよ。(36点)

In the previous chapter, I wrote that many Japanese people only venture abroad on package tours, but perhaps I was a little *overcritical of those group tours. After all, they (1) do allow people to see the world outside Japan in relative comfort and safety. Also, even though Japanese tourists *are often overcharged in relation to local rates, 5 the prices they pay are still cheaper than those in Japan. And the local economies, particularly in developing countries, benefit enormously from (2) the influx of Japanese tourists.

On the other hand, I believe that the experiences of package tourists are not as rich as (a) those of independent travelers. For a start, one of the most enjoyable aspects of 10 travel for me is planning where to go and what to do. I get a thrill from (3) poring over guidebooks and maps and making all the decisions and arrangements for myself. (4), going abroad alone (or with perhaps one friend) puts me in situations where I am forced to communicate with people in the countries I visit. This is exciting, especially when I need to (5) get by in a foreign language.

15 I have never been on a package tour myself but I (6) have visited more than 30 countries on five continents. I made (7) of those trips when I was a poor university student so, obviously, I traveled as cheaply as possible. I come from the UK so, most of the time, I traveled around Europe and went by train, bus, or by hitchhiking. I usually took a tent and camped, but occasionally I stayed in youth 20 hostels or cheap hotels. I remember once (b) manage to get all the way from my home in the north of England to Rome in Italy without spending any money at all during a journey of four days!

Even living in Japan, we can often save a great deal of money by avoiding tours. A few years ago I wanted to go to Singapore and Malaysia during the Golden Week 25 holiday and was horrified (8) to find out how much the tour operators were charging. I could not afford their *overinflated prices, so I took an overnight ferry to Korea, went by train to Seoul, found a cheap flight to Singapore and then caught a bus up into