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## Read the passage and determine whether the following statements are True, False or Not Given.



### GUIDELINES FOR ECOTOURISTS

Ecotourism is an environmentally responsible form of travel to natural areas which aims to reduce the impact that tourism has on the natural environment, including the flora and fauna of the area. There are a number of guidelines provided for ecotourists when visiting fragile environments.

Before taking a trip to any destination, it is recommended that eco-travellers educate themselves about the places they are visiting by reading guidebooks and travel articles. Tourists should also be aware of local history, culture and customs of the locals before arriving. One way to gain appreciation from local people and enrich the experience is to make the effort to learn enough of the language to be polite, for example: hello, please and thank you. When packing, it is not recommended for visitors to give sweets or cookies to local people in developing countries, instead give them clothes or pens.

During the time staying at the place, it is important that ecotourists be aware of the local customs. Different cultural values including different concepts of time, personal space and communication are other things to keep in mind. For example, in America, using a firm handshake is considered appropriate to greet a stranger; however, in France it is common to kiss someone you greet on both cheeks. Ecotourists are highly recommended to use local transport, guides, hotels, restaurants or markets to benefit the local economy. They should also limit the waste discharged into the air or water by using bicycles instead of cars or motorbikes and not leaving litter or starting fires.

When returning from the trip, visitors should support organizations or societies that follow eco-principles and share their experiences with others in order to increase awareness of environmental issues and the protection of precious species in the area.



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1. Ecotourism helps to prevent the damage of tourism on the natural landscape.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

2. Eco-tourists should spend a week searching for information on the internet to know more about the places they want to visit.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

3. "Hello", "please", and "thank you" are the three words that all visitors need to learn before travelling.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

4. Tourists need to know the traditions of the places they visit.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given

5. In America, people hate being kissed on the cheeks when greeting a stranger.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Not Given



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**Fill in each blank with NO MORE THAN 3 WORDS from the text.**

1. Two sources of information that visitors can refer to if they need to know more about the places they would like to visit are guidebooks and .....
2. Two things that visitors should not bring as a gift to people in ..... are sweets and cookies.
3. French people often greet strangers by kissing them on.....
4. Tourists are encouraged to use services provided by the locals in order to help .....
5. Visitors can help protect the environment by using .....as a replacement for cars or motorbikes.

