UNIT 9 TRAVEL AND TOURISM

LISTENING: FILL IN THE BLANKS *(NO MORE THAN 2 WORDS)*

Drawbacks of travel and tourism

ENVIRONMENT

Travel and tourism, despite their numerous benefits, have a significant negative impact on the environment. One of the main issues is (1)..... The transportation sector, a vital component of travel, emits greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Additionally, the waste generated by tourists and the hospitality industry pollutes the soil and air, leading to environmental (2)..... In particular, cruise travel has been known to contaminate water bodies, which can have detrimental effects on marine creatures and ecosystems. Another concerning aspect is the (3)..... of resources. The tourism industry often requires excessive amounts of water, putting a strain on local water resources. Moreover, to accommodate the growing demands of tourism, land is often cleared for the construction of new infrastructure, further contributing to deforestation and habitat loss. These factors highlight the need for (4)..... practices and responsible tourism to mitigate the negative environmental impacts associated with travel and tourism.

ECONOMY

In terms of the (5)....., tourism is becoming a major industry in many countries and cities. However, dependence on this sector can make the economy vulnerable to uncontrollable factors such as disease outbreaks or (6) ..... For instance, during times of epidemics or pandemics like the COVID-19 crisis, travel restrictions and decreased tourist arrivals can cause a severe economic downturn in destinations heavily reliant on tourism. Similarly, natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, or tsunamis can disrupt tourism activities and (7)....., leading to significant economic setbacks. Besides, the development of tourism can drive up the cost of goods and services in destinations. As the tourism industry flourishes, demand for various products and services, including (8)....., food, and transportation, increases. This surge in demand can lead to inflationary pressures, causing prices to rise. The higher cost of living can pose economic challenges for local residents, particularly those with (9)..... It can also contribute to widening income disparities, as the benefits of tourism may not be evenly distributed among the population, with wealthier individuals and businesses often reaping the greatest benefits.

CULTURE

The influx of tourism can gradually erode local traditions and customs, as (10)..... interests often exploit them for profit. In an attempt to cater to tourist preferences and expectations, some communities may modify their cultural practices or create new ones solely for commercial purposes. This can lead to the loss of (11)..... and the erosion of the country's cultural identity. Moreover, differences in language, lifestyle, and behavior between locals and tourists can lead to misunderstandings and (12)..... Cultural clashes may arise when tourists do not adhere to local customs or fail to respect the cultural norms of the destination. This can create

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(13)..... and tension between the local population and tourists, especially when cultural differences are not adequately understood or respected. Conflicts over resources, such as overcrowding at popular tourist sites, can further exacerbate these tensions. Lastly, some tourists (14)..... poor behaviors while visiting cultural sites. This can include littering, damaging historical landmarks, or disrespecting sacred places. Such actions not only disrespect the local culture and (15)..... but also have long-lasting negative effects on the preservation and maintenance of important cultural sites. It is important for tourists to be educated about the significance of these sites and encouraged to show respect and responsibility while visiting them.

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