

<試験官に関して>
試験官は以下 2 名でした。

外国人試験官 (NS) : 北米、40 代の優しい感じの男性。聞きやすいきれいな英語でした。反応も好意的でした。

通訳ガイド (TG) : 30 代の女性。答えに対するなづくなど優しい印象でした。

<面接試験の実際>

NS	What's your name and where do you live?
I	My name is ... and live in Near ... station.
NS	What's the climate like on coast line of Japan?
I	On the Pacific Ocean side, it has rainy season in early summer and hot and humid, but it's cold and dry in winter. On the Sea of Japan side, it's cold and has lots of snow in winter, but rather cool in summer.
NS	Japan closed the nation in certain period. Why was that?
I	Because Japanese government feared the influence of Christianity, and to be colonized by foreign countries. Another reason is the government feared the local lords accumulating money by trade. So it opened the door to Dutch who had no intension to spread Christianity and China and Korea.
NS	Where do you recommend ski resorts?
I	If you don't mind going by airplane, I would recommend Hokkaido such as Niseko where you can enjoy powdery snow. But near Tokyo, there are good ski resorts in Nagano, which locate 3 or 4 hours by train.
NS	I want to do cross-country skiing.
I	Then I would recommend Hakuba, which was the stage of Winter Olympic Game and you will enjoy wonderful course.
NS	When did Japanese people start wearing Western clothes?
I	After Meiji restoration when Japan started to modernize the country.
NS	Do people still wear kimono?
I	Yes, on wedding banquets or Coming-of-Age ceremony.
NS	Do you wear kimono?
I	Yes, I do.
NS	How many minutes does it take?
I	It takes 15 minutes with someone's assistance.
NS	There are vending machines selling alcohol and tobacco. What do you think about that?
I	To prevent young people from buying tobacco, you need certificate, called Taspo in buy tobacco from vending machines. As for alcohol, restriction is rather lose.
NS	What is the legal age for alcohol?

I	20 years old.
NS	Then driver's license?
I	I think 18 year's old.
TG	通訳ガイドになったらどんなことに気をつけてガイドをしたいですか？
I	お客様とコミュニケーションをよくとりながら、どのようなことに興味がおありか、関心に沿うようコースを組みたいです。日本は文化・食事・習慣・言葉の面ですいぶん異なりますので、お客様と日本の架け橋となれるようなガイドになりたいです。
NS	Where do you take me in Tokyo?
I	I would like to show you both traditional and modern aspects of Tokyo. First, I would like to start from Sensoji temple which has the atmosphere of Edo period, and take sea bus. From the river, you can see modern side of Tokyo and I would like to go to Hamarikyu Park which is stroll type garden made by daimyo.
NS	That sounds interesting.

<反省点、今後の課題、後輩へのアドバイス等>

待合室内は私語厳禁、イヤホン厳禁で非常にピリピリとした雰囲気でした。ただ面談中は非常に和やかで、アッという間に時間が過ぎたという印象です。

従来聞かれてきた日本の気候も、on coast line とか少しひねった形でなされており、listening 力も十分試されます。テンポよく的確に答えることを求められていると思います。

試験後もグループの他の方を待つ待合室にて待ちます。トイレもポーチしか持って行ってはいけない、私語・携帯厳禁でした。お財布・鍵の貴重品はポーチに入れておくとよいかと思います。