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Subject: Changes to the Photography Exhibition

5 Hi, Yuki,

Thanks for helping me prepare for next week's photography exhibition. As you know, the photography club has been collecting pictures taken by students during school trips, sports events, and everyday school life. We originally planned to display about 60
10 photographs in the library, but more students submitted pictures than we expected. We now have nearly 100, so we need to make a few changes to our plan.

I spoke with Ms. Green, the librarian, yesterday. She said we could use the reading room next to the library as well. This will give us
15 enough space to display most of the photographs without placing them too close together. However, the reading room is usually used by students after school, so we can only use it from Thursday afternoon until Saturday. Could you help me move some of the display boards there after classes on Thursday?

20 There is another change. We had planned to ask visitors to vote for their favorite photograph by writing its number on a piece of paper. Mr. Clark suggested using tablet computers instead because the school already has several that we can borrow. He thinks this will make counting the votes easier. I like the idea, but we should test
25 the system before the exhibition begins. Could you meet me during lunch on Wednesday to do that?

Finally, two club members who were going to welcome visitors on Friday have to attend a basketball game. I have asked Mia and Oliver to take their places, and they have both agreed. I'll explain
30 their duties to them tomorrow, so you don't need to worry about

finding anyone else.

Thanks again for your help. I think the exhibition will be even better than we first planned.

Best wishes,

35 Sarah Miller
Photography Club

(1) Why will the photography club use the reading room?

- ① The library will be used for another school event.
- ② The club received more photographs than it expected.
- ③ Students wanted to see the pictures in a quieter room.
- ④ The librarian wanted different photographs displayed separately.

(2) What does Sarah ask Yuki to do on Wednesday?

- ① Test the new voting system during lunchtime.
- ② Choose photographs for the reading room display.
- ③ Ask the school for more tablet computers.
- ④ Prepare paper voting cards for the visitors.

(3) What has Sarah already done about Friday's problem?

- ① She has changed the exhibition's opening time.
- ② She has asked the players to return early.
- ③ She has found other students to welcome visitors.
- ④ She has decided to welcome the visitors herself.

B

Why Some Cities Are Bringing Nature Back

For many years, city parks were seen mainly as places where people could relax, exercise, or spend time with their families. Today, however, some cities are paying more attention to another
5 role of urban nature. Trees, gardens, and other green spaces can help cities deal with environmental problems while making them more pleasant places to live.

One important example involves temperature. Buildings and roads absorb heat from the sun, so crowded city centers can become
10 much warmer than areas with more plants. Trees provide shade and can also cool the surrounding air. For this reason, some cities are planting trees along particularly hot streets. However, planners must choose locations carefully because tree roots can sometimes damage sidewalks or underground pipes.

Urban nature can also help during heavy rain. In areas covered
15 mainly by concrete, rainwater cannot easily enter the ground. Instead, it flows quickly into drains, which may become unable to handle all the water. Parks and gardens allow more water to enter the soil. Some cities have also created special gardens beside roads
20 to collect water temporarily after storms.

Creating green spaces is not always easy. Land is expensive, and plants require regular care. Some cities therefore work with residents, schools, and businesses to maintain new green areas. This reduces some of the work for city governments while giving
25 local people a stronger connection to their neighborhoods.

Urban nature cannot solve every environmental problem. Still, even small green spaces can serve several purposes at once. A garden may collect rainwater and provide a home for insects, while trees can cool streets and make walking more comfortable. Cities
30 are therefore beginning to see nature not simply as decoration, but as a useful part of urban life.

(4) How has some cities' view of urban nature changed?

- ① They now value its environmental benefits as well as recreation.
- ② They now prefer small gardens to large public parks.
- ③ They use parks mainly to solve environmental problems.
- ④ They consider nature especially useful in crowded city centers.

(5) Why must planners choose tree locations carefully?

- ① Trees may block sunlight from other plants nearby.
- ② Tree roots may damage sidewalks or underground pipes.
- ③ Too many trees may make streets difficult to use.
- ④ Tree roots may stop water from reaching city drains.

(6) How can gardens help cities during heavy rain?

- ① They allow more rainwater to enter the ground.
- ② They move rainwater from homes into public parks.
- ③ They store rainwater for people to use later.
- ④ They prevent soil from entering city drainage systems.

(7) Why do some cities work with local groups?

- ① To decide how unused city land should be developed.
- ② To attract more visitors to new green spaces.
- ③ To share the work of maintaining green spaces.
- ④ To study environmental problems in different neighborhoods.

(8) What is the main idea of the passage?

- ① Cities are replacing old buildings with larger public parks.
- ② Urban nature can serve several useful purposes in cities.
- ③ Residents should take responsibility for maintaining urban nature.
- ④ Green spaces are mainly useful for reducing city temperatures.