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SESSION 7	
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Ecotourism

¹ The word ecotourism is a combination of ecology (the study of systems of living things) and tourism. The international Ecotourism Society defines ecotourism as " responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and improves the well- being of the local people.

This means that walking through a rain forest isn't really ecotourism unless it benefits the area, perhaps by providing jobs to the local residents or by conserving the wildlife.
Countries are slowly recognizing that it is possible to make money while preserving their natural resources.







Unfortunately, people in the industry sometimes exploit the 'ecotourism' label in their drive for profit. The brand of ecotourism isn't always conducted in the most responsible way, and may damage the very environment, it seeks to protect.
One concern is that the overwhelming number of visitors to these natural places (especially in the high season) has a negative effect on the ecosystem. Eco tourists tend to seek out places with the rarest animals and plants; even if they take care not to disturb the environment, their presence could put pressure on the frailest of living thing. Another problem is the interaction between animals and humans.

⁵ While tourists can have a negative impact on ecosystems, the same areas might have been totally destroyed by industries such as farming, logging, or mining if the ecotourism industry did not exist. It is easy to be critical of the ecotourism industry.







Comprehension exercises

- 1. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?
 - a) Ecotourism can cause damage to the environment if conducted in an irresponsible way.
 - b) Ecotourists should not be allowed to interact with wildlife at all.
 - c) More countries are getting into ecotourism because it is big business.
- 2. Which statement best summarizes the author's point of view?
 - a) Ecotourism is a damaging trend that must be stopped.
 - b) It is the best way for countries to earn tourist dollars.
 - c) It generally benefits ecosystems, even if it causes some damage.
 - d) It will most likely become less popular in the future.







3. What does the writer mean by this? It is easy to be critical of the ecotourism industry.

a. Wildlife is very easy to protect.

b. Businesses will always want to exploit nature

c. People's expectations for ecotourism are too high.

d. Ecotourism can't create enough jobs for local people.

Note: Please read all the texts carefully & answer the questions which provided in the session 1 - 7. Keep in your mind; I may select the questions that are provided in these files for your final exam.

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