

## 【問題】

## The Grand Canyon

In Arizona in the United States, there is a very large and deep valley,\* and the Colorado River runs through it. This place is called the Grand Canyon, and it is 446 kilometers long, about 1.6 kilometers deep, and up to 29 kilometers wide. The weather there can be very hot in summer and very cold in winter.

Every year, millions of people come to see the beautiful views of the Grand Canyon. Ninety percent of the people visit an area called the South Rim because it is open all year round and it is easy to get there from some big cities. The North Rim is only open from May to October. Recently, people have started to visit the West Rim, too.

Native Americans\* have lived in and around the canyon for thousands of years. In 1540, García López de Cárdenas from Spain became the first European to see the canyon. But Cárdenas was not able to climb down into the canyon. Much later, in 1869, an American named John Wesley Powell traveled down the Colorado River by boat with some men. During the trip, Powell named the place the “Grand Canyon” in his diary.

In 1903, U.S. president Theodore Roosevelt decided to protect the canyon and made it a national monument.\* In 1919, it became a national park. Today, some people go hiking or camping in the canyon, and boat tours are also popular. Because the canyon is so big, a boat tour can take about two weeks. Many people enjoy this beautiful place every year.

\*valley: 谷

\*Native American: アメリカ先住民

\*national monument: 国定記念物

- (26) The Grand Canyon
- 1 was made by Native Americans.
  - 2 is visited by many people each year.
  - 3 is the coldest place in the world.
  - 4 is 1.6 million years old.
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- (27) Which area do most people visit in the Grand Canyon?
- 1 The North Rim.
  - 2 The South Rim.
  - 3 The West Rim.
  - 4 The East Rim.
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- (28) What did John Wesley Powell do in 1869?
- 1 He climbed down into the Grand Canyon with President Roosevelt.
  - 2 He traveled around the Grand Canyon with García López de Cárdenas.
  - 3 He began living in the Grand Canyon with Native Americans.
  - 4 He thought of the name the “Grand Canyon.”
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- (29) Why do boat tours of the Grand Canyon take so long?
- 1 Visitors have to ride in small boats.
  - 2 The boats stop at many Spanish restaurants.
  - 3 The canyon is very large.
  - 4 National parks have many rules for visitors.
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- (30) What is this story about?
- 1 A famous national park in the United States.
  - 2 A special kind of rock from Arizona.
  - 3 A city with cold summers and hot winters.
  - 4 A president who found a new canyon.

## 【全訳】

### グランドキャニオン

アメリカのアリゾナ州に、とても大きく深い谷があり、そこにはコロラド川が流れています。この場所はグランドキャニオンと呼ばれていて、長さ 446 キロ、深さ約 1.6 キロ、幅 29 キロになります。そこでの気候は、夏はとても暑く、冬はとても寒くなります。

毎年、何百万人もの人々がグランドキャニオンの美しい景色を見に来ます。そのうち 90% の人が、**South Rim** と呼ばれる地域を訪れます。なぜなら、そこは 1 年中開かれていて、いくつかの大都市から行きやすい場所だからです。**North Rim** は 5 月から 10 月までのみ開かれています。近年では、**West Rim** にも人々は行き始めています。

この谷の周辺には何千年にも渡ってアメリカ先住民が住んでいます。1540 年にスペインからガルシア・ロペス・カルデナスが最初のヨーロッパ人としてこの谷を見に来ました。しかしカルデナスは谷を下っていくことはできませんでした。それからずっと後の 1869 年に、ジョン・ウェスリー・パウエルというアメリカ人が、何人かの男達と一緒にボートでコロラド川を下りました。その旅の途中で、パウエルは自らの日記でその場所を“グランドキャニオン”と名付けました。

1903 年に、アメリカ大統領のセオドア・ルーズベルトがこの谷を保護することを決めて、国立記念物に指定しました。1919 年に、そこは国立公園になりました。今日では、この谷でハイキングをしたりキャンプをしたりする人もいて、ボートツアーも人気になっています。この谷はとても大きいので、ボートツアーも約 2 週間かかります。多くの人々が毎年この美しい場所を楽しんでいます。