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Cities across the United States are signing on to a global trend. They're banning the plastic straws that usually come with that ice-cold drink served at your local restaurant. Major fast food chains like Starbucks and McDonald's are now scrambling to come up with alternatives. ⁽¹⁾

The famous beach capital of Malibu in California was the first to issue a total ban of single-use plastic straws on June 1st. You can now expect to get a paper straw with your Starbucks iced coffee there. The city has also prohibited the use of plastic spoons and forks. First-time offenders can expect a 100-dollar fine, then 200 dollars for the 2nd offence, and 500 dollars for the 3rd. ⁽²⁾ The aim is to remove throwaway plastic from the ocean and beaches.

Mayor Rick Mullen says a ban by a well-known city like Malibu will help raise public awareness of the issue. Local surfers say they see increasing amounts of plastic garbage drifting in the sea, and it's not unusual to find plastic straws washed up on beaches. The west coast city of Seattle plans to introduce a similar plastic-straw ban in July. San Francisco and New York are also planning to start a similar ban.

Food sellers also use plastic cups and lids, so why are US cities focusing on plastic straws? ⁽³⁾ One of the reasons is a video circulating online of a sea turtle with a plastic straw in its nose. An environmental group says 500 million plastic straws are used every day in the United States. That's 1.6 straws per person. Conservationists say most of these straws are too small for recycling and end up in the ocean after disposal.

A 20-year-old beachside cafe Greenmunch in Malibu stopped using plastic straws in April, two months ahead of the ban. It uses a pasta tube instead. The pasta goes soft when it's boiled, but it stays solid for about 4 hours in a cold drink. Paradise Cove Beach Cafe owner, Robert Morris, says pasta straws are eco-friendly because they're bio-degradable. He says he came up with the

idea one morning at 3 AM. He says the cafe has already served more than 60,000 cold drinks with pasta straws and customers love them. He is importing an increasing number from Italy.

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(注) offender	違反者
throwaway	使い捨ての
lids	ふた
conservationist	保護論者
bio-degradable	生物分解性の

問 1 下線部(1)の Starbucks がとった代替策について説明しなさい。

問 2 下線部(2)はどのような行為に対する罰金か説明しなさい。

問 3 下線部(3)にあるようになぜプラスチックストローが注目されているか説明しなさい。

問 4 アメリカの人口は何人か計算しなさい。

問 5 pasta straw の特徴を説明しなさい。

2 次の英文を読み、設問に日本語で答えなさい。

While watching the 2016 Summer Olympics on TV, my daughter and I saw a program about the volunteers working at the Olympic Games. My daughter got super excited — she wanted to do that! So I picked up my computer and quickly checked the dates and location of the next Olympics. I got excited when I learned they would take place in Pyeongchang, Korea, because I had lived in Korea many years ago. I applied — and I was accepted. Here's what the process looked like for me, although each Olympic Organizing Committee may run things a little differently. If you decide to apply, remember the following rule: Expect it to be slow, and go with the flow.

Step 1: Complete an application⁽¹⁾

I completed mine about 18 months in advance. The application is pretty in depth. They will want to run a background check on you. They will also want to know any special qualifications you may have, such as experience working at an international or national sports event, language skills, professional skills. At least, they wanted all volunteers to speak either English or the host country language. They will want to know if you can volunteer for the Olympics, the Paralympics or both. I was able to request a specific venue to work at (in general, I could choose either the ice sports or the snow sports). I requested ice sports. I was also able to request the kind of team I wanted to work on, so I requested either Ceremonies or Sport Delegate Support. At this point, we knew that if we were accepted, we would be financially responsible for our flights to/from Korea, our ground transportation to/from the Incheon Airport to Pyeongchang, and accommodations between the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Step 2: Receive notification of passing the first screening

About 14 months in advance, I received notification — but all I knew was that I passed the first stage.

Step 3: Complete an online interview⁽²⁾

About 12 months in advance, I had an online group interview. The questions were pretty basic: Why do you want to volunteer? What kinds of exercise do you participate in? How do you resolve conflicts between people? All the applicants were hoping for more details, but our interviewer couldn't tell us much.

Step 4: Notification of acceptance

This came about 10 months in advance. We were given a very rough start date, but no specific end date. And we were told to wait until September before buying flights, but I ignored that advice and got a ticket.

Step 5: A minor problem — all volunteers had to re-apply

Timing: About 7 months in advance of the Games. We were told that they didn't have enough volunteers for the Paralympic Games so everyone had to complete another application showing for which games they were available.

Step 6: Language training begins⁽³⁾

About 6.5 months in advance, some international volunteers were asked to complete language training, which the Organizing Committee made available online. The training included about 35 sessions — each about 25 minutes long. We were given 5 months to complete the training and the final test.

Step 7: Confirmation of acceptance

About 4.5 months in advance, I knew I had definitely been accepted.

This was the point when the Organizing Committee gave us the approval to buy our tickets. But I already had.

Step 8: Olympics position and venue assignment

About 3 months in advance, I received my assignment for the Olympics games: the Ceremonies Team at the Olympic Sliding Centre.

Step 9: Move-in instructions for international volunteers

We received this information about 2 weeks in advance. All international volunteers were told to come to a local university for 2 days of basic training — we received details about when to arrive, where to go, how to get there, etc.

Reflecting on the process

Thinking about what it takes to review 100,000 applications, interview and hire 20,000 employees, and then figure out assignments and housing so they could all start the same week — what they did was amazing. In some respects, I don't really know why I was selected as a volunteer for the Winter Olympics. I think I was possibly accepted because of my ability to speak Korean — but lots of international volunteers don't speak Korean. Or because I have experience volunteering at another national sport event — but lots of volunteers don't have any experience. So I'm not sure why I was selected. But I'm sure glad I was.

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(注) specific	特定の
venue	開催地
ground transportation	交通機関
accommodation	宿泊

notification	通知
applicant	志願者, 応募者
acceptance	採用
available	手があいている
confirmation	確認
assignment	割り当て
figure out	考えだす

問 1 下線部(1)に関して, ボランティアを申し込む際に選択できた項目を 3 つ答えなさい。

問 2 下線部(2)に関して, 面接で聞かれた質問を 3 つ答えなさい。

問 3 下線部(3)に関して, 一部の外国人ボランティアはどのような語学訓練を課されましたか。①受講方法, ②1 講座の長さとう講回数, ③受講期限を答えなさい。

問 4 航空券の購入に関して, ①実行委員会がボランティアに購入を許可した時期と②筆者が実際に購入した時期が, それぞれオリンピックの何か月前だったか答えなさい。

問 5 下線部(4)が指している具体的な内容を 3 つ答えなさい。

