

1. 阅读理解

Northern Ireland Visitor Guide

Passport/Visa Requirements

Passport Advice Line (UK) T: 0300 222 000

www.ips.gov.uk

UK nationals can travel without a passport but will need photographic identification. Passports are not required for travel between Northern Ireland and the Republic. For further information, contact the British Embassy in your country of origin.

Telephone

To call Northern Ireland from abroad, dial 0044 + area code (without 0) + local number. From the Republic of Ireland, dial 048 + area code (without 0) + local number. From elsewhere in UK or to make an internal call, dial area code (with 0) + local number. To call the Republic from Northern Ireland, dial 00353 + the area code (without 0) + local number.

Shopping

Victoria Square, Castle Court and many Belfast City centre stores have extended opening hours from 09:00 until 19:00 each weekday evening. Thursday is late night shopping until 21:00. On Sundays shops are open from 12:00/13:00 and stay open until 17:00/18:00.

Public Holidays

Banks are closed and transport services are reduced on public holidays. See www.discovernorthernireland.com for up-to-date details.

Money

Sterling currency. Most large stores accept Euro. Main credit cards are in general use but bring cash too. In main towns, bank hours are 09:30-16:30. Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) dispense cash at hundreds of locations, banks, garages and shopping centres. Bureau de Change are in larger bank branches, travel agents, the Belfast Welcome Centre, some other tourist information centres, big hotels and at a few visitor attractions.

Tipping

Check your bill to see if a service charge has been made. If not and you're satisfied with the service, add 10-15%.

Left Luggage

T: +44 (0)28 9024 6609

Belfast Welcome Centre is the only place that provides this service. £ 3 per item for up to 4hrs. £4.50 4hrs+. Last pick up is 15 minutes before closing.

Medical Insurance

T: 0845 606 0707

(UK), +44 (0) 191 212 7500 www.ehic.org.uk

You need to obtain a European Health Insurance card (EHIC) which will allow you to access state-provided healthcare in all European Economic Area (EEA) countries at a reduced cost or sometimes free of charge. You can apply online at their website or by telephone. Visitors are strongly advised to take out private travel insurance.

Emergency Services

Dial 999 for emergency services. If your passport is lost or stolen, contact the local police station, embassy or consulate.

All Ireland Information

For details on the rest of Ireland visit: www.discoverireland.com.

【1】 If Jack wants to call his friend in Northern Ireland from London, he should dial _____.

- A. are code (with 0) + local number
- B. 048 + area code (without 0) + local number
- C. 0044 + area code (without 0) + local number
- D. 00353 + the area code (without 0) + local number

【2】 While travelling in Northern Ireland, you _____.

- A. can shop until 21:00 on Thursdays
- B. needn't leave a tip after receiving service
- C. can use American dollars to buy what you want
- D. can draw money from banks from 9:00 to 16:30 every day

【3】 Which of the following is TRUE according to the above Visitor Guide?

- A. A German needn't a passport to travel in Northern Ireland.
- B. A visitor can dial 999 in emergency situations while in Northern Ireland.
- C. Any European can get healthcare in Northern Ireland at a reduced cost or free of charge.
- D. A visitor will be charged £ 3 for leaving luggage in Belfast Welcome Centre for 6 hours.

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The discussion on renewable energy has been going on for at least a decade and people have relied on fossil fuels almost entirely for more than a century. However, the situation when fossil fuels were the most efficient and the cheapest source of energy has been left far in the past. Many countries such as Germany and Sweden have already made significant efforts to fix this situation, employing numerous power plants working on the renewable resources of energy. The most effective among these resources is geothermal (地热的) energy.

Geothermal energy does not depend on the world's economic and political situation as strongly as fossil fuels do. Besides, extracting (提炼) fossil fuels adds to the price of energy produced from them. Therefore, geothermal energy is much cheaper than traditional ones, saving up to 80% of the costs over fossil fuels.

Being a renewable resource, geothermal energy produces less waste and pollution than traditional energy sources. In geothermal systems, carbon dioxide makes up about 10% of air produced. Overall, in order to produce the electricity that can be used for one hour, the geothermal systems produce 0.1 pound of carbon dioxide and other harmful gases. For a comparison, a power plant producing from gas produces up to 2 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and those power plants that work on coal (煤) produce an astonishing 3.6 pounds of greenhouse gases.

Low costs is another reason why using geothermal power plants should be the first choice for many countries. Geothermal heat systems require 25% to 50% less energy for work compared with the traditional systems for heating or cooling. Besides, geothermal equipment is less big: due to the very nature of geothermal energy, geothermal power plants have only a few moving parts, all of which can be easily sheltered inside a relatively small building. What's more, the life span of geothermal equipment is rather long. All these make geothermal power stations easy to build and keep.

【1】 Fossil fuels are more expensive than geothermal energy partly because _____.

- A. it is free to use geothermal energy
- B. fossil fuels are nearly used up