《Sample》

You have one minute to prepare.
This is a story about a city-hall employee who was helping organize a local election.
You have two minutes to narrate the story.
Your story should begin with the following sentence:
One day, a city-hall employee was holding a meeting with his co-workers.

【Model Narration】

One day, a city-hall employee was holding a meeting with his co-workers. They were discussing the voting rate for the previous election. The man was pointing at a graph that showed the low voting rate for people in their 20s, and he said that something should be done about it. A month later, the man and his co-workers were handing out leaflets at the entrance of a university. The leaflets explained the importance of voting, and several students were taking them. On election day, the man and his co-workers were helping people with the voting process. The man was handing a ballot to a young woman. A week later, the man was sitting at his desk in his office. One of his co-workers brought him a report about the voting rate for people in their 20s in the recent election. She told him that the rate had improved a little.
【Questions】

No. 1 Please look at the fourth picture. If you were the man, what would you be thinking?
  □  I’d be thinking, “It’s disappointing that only a few more young people voted. However, if we continue our campaign, the voting rate may increase more in the future.”
  □  I’d be thinking that perhaps handing out leaflets was not the best way to raise young people’s awareness about voting, so we need to come up with some better solutions.

No. 2 Why do you think that many young people today seem to have little interest in politics?
  □  I don’t think students learn enough about important social issues in school, so they don’t realize how political decisions actually affect their own lives.
  □  Many young people believe that politics is only for the older generation. They think that even if they got involved in politics, nobody would listen to their ideas.

No. 3 Should local governments provide more services for the community?
  □  Yes. In my area, there’s no bus service. It’s hard for senior citizens to get to the store unless they have a car, so the local government should invest in public transportation.
  □  On the whole, I think services are adequate. However, in certain cases, such as providing childcare facilities for working parents, improvement is needed.

No. 4 Do you think that more people will choose to work beyond retirement age in the future?
  □  Yes. The amount of money people receive from the national pension system will decrease in the future, so they’ll have to continue working to lead a comfortable lifestyle.
  □  No. A growing number of company workers are already choosing to retire early so that they can pursue their own interests or spend more time with their families.