

第2回パソコン入力スピード認定試験 練習問題 (20.2.9)
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I recently had the opportunity to visit Ireland. It's a two-hour	66
train ride from Ireland's capital of Dublin to Belfast, Northern	131
Ireland's main city. If you gaze out of the window at the rural scenery,	205
such as sheep grazing on grass, the journey is over before you know it.	278
I purchased an excursion ticket for the city's tourist bus, and	342
got off in western Belfast. This is a tension-filled district where	411
armed conflicts between the pro-British Protestants and the pro-Irish	481
Catholics were once a part of everyday life. However, this conflict	550
has now become "history."	577
Now that a Northern Ireland parliament has been established and	641
there is peace, this region where armored British military vehicles	709
once patrolled has now become just another tourist spot.	767
The male guide on the bus explained to us that terrorist attacks	832
once occurred along the roadside here. A special walking tour is also	903
available. The guide stated, "The guides are former fighters from	970
the armed factions." Apparently, they do this as part of a project to	1041
reintegrate into society. This surprised me.	1088
Having to deal with the inconvenience of two different currencies	1154
used on one island was really aggravating. Since the euro hasn't been	1225
adopted in the United Kingdom, the pound is the only currency in the	1294
north, so I reluctantly exchanged a small amount of yen. Though this is	1367
unavoidable, it was still pretty annoying as I had become used to paying	1440
for things using euros.	1465
I had very little money remaining in my pocket. Taking my return to	1534
Dublin into consideration, I changed money twice, from yen to pounds	1603
then euros--a two stage process that hit my wallet hard. I'm sure a	1672
feeling of truly living on the same island will finally emerge if	1738
the United Kingdom ever adopts the euro.	1778

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