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**Unit 2 (ワード数 247 words) 制限時間 20 分 速読目標時間 2分28秒**

Read the text and answer the questions below.

**Interviewer** : Today we've invited two speakers who have very different views about a topic that is very relevant to us here in Japan. Anna, I understand that you were impressed on a recent trip to Germany.

**Anna** : I was. (1) It confirmed my belief in clean and \*renewable sources of energy. Germany is investing in wind, wave, and solar power. Using all three, they hope to produce up to 20% of their energy from renewable sources by 2020. As you know, they've closed all their nuclear power plants.

**Interviewer** : David, you have doubts about this approach.

**David** : Everyone loves the idea of cheap wind power, but no one wants to live next to a noisy and ugly \*wind turbine! But more importantly, it's obvious that even if Germany does reach (2) its target of 20%, that still means that the other 80% of its energy needs must be met from traditional sources like oil. And that means more pollution.

**Interviewer** : What do you propose instead?

**David** : I think that the decision to give up nuclear energy was too hasty. In my opinion, the Germans didn't \*think through the consequences.

**Interviewer** : What do you say to that, Anna?

**Anna** : German experts I talked to are very aware of the problems of pollution from oil. But most believe that (3) these cannot be compared to the risks of nuclear energy. Most of the German people support the non-nuclear policy, and are willing to make large cuts in their own use of energy.

【注】 renewable 再生可能な wind turbine 風力タービン (風力発電に使う大きな風車のような設備)

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**1** What does (1) It stand for? Answer in English.

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**2** What is (2) its target? Explain in Japanese.

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**3** What does (3) these mean? Answer in Japanese.

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**4** What is the overall theme of this discussion?

- ① Making use of nuclear power.
- ② Meeting future energy needs.
- ③ The disadvantages of wind, wave, and solar power.
- ④ Traditional ways of producing energy. ( )

**5** What does Anna think about wind power?

- ① It is more suitable than solar power for Germany.
- ② It will cost a lot of money to put it to practical use.
- ③ It will be used at closed nuclear power plants.
- ④ It will be an important source of energy in the future. ( )

**6** What is the main reason that David doesn't like the German approach?

- ① Germany won't be able to reach its target by 2020.
- ② No one wants to live near wind turbines because of the noise.
- ③ Germany will continue to use polluting sources of energy.
- ④ Using renewable energy sources will increase pollution. ( )

**7** What does Anna say about the attitude of the German public?

- ① Most people are against cutting their energy use.
- ② Most people don't think that nuclear power is necessary.
- ③ Most people are more worried about energy cuts than pollution.
- ④ Most people don't care about the problems of pollution from oil. ( )