3年生　聞くこと

今から流れる英文は、中学生の海斗がキャッシュレス社会について考えたことを英語スピーチにしたものです。下のア～オのなかで海斗がもっとも主張したいものはどれですか。選んで記号で答えなさい。

　ア　In a cashless society, people don’t use cash.

イ　Cashless societies has been spreading around the world.

　ウ　IC cards and smartphone payment services can be used for shopping in Japan.

エ In Japan, cashless services are not as familiar as other countries.

オ Cash is easier and safer than cashless payment.

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Have you ever heard the word “cashless”?

In a cashless society, people don’t use cash (paper money or metal coins). They pay with cards or their smartphones. Today, cashless societies are spreading around the world.

Japanese people have been using prepaid IC cards to ride trains and buses since 2001. Now those cards can also be used for shopping. Now you can also use smartphone payment services in Japan.

However, I think cashless services are not as familiar as other countries. These days, many tourists come to Japan. Some of them are surprised to know this country still depends on cash. Small shops and restaurants in Japan often tell them that they can pay only with cash. I was surprised to see the news that about 70% of foreign tourists gave up shopping or eating because they couldn’t use cashless payment. Some Japanese people still think that cash is an easier and safer way to pay. I think it’s the reason of these situation. That’s bad for business.