Academic Discussion

I strongly agree with Paul's point that it is helpful for us to choose products by the recommendation of friends who knows our preferences. According to the Claire's views that there is much potential information about the product on the Internet so that we can find the prons and cons easily. Nevertheless, the Internet often contains too much general information that may not apply to our specific needs and interests. If the product is recommended by friends who may knows the hidden and specific information for me, we can make an integrated strategy of product selection. For example, the computer configuration is complex, and it is difficult for us to choose a suitable computer product only through the information on the Internet. However, the computer configuration can be determined clearly under the help of friends with computer skills. Overall, the recommendation of friends must be a priority, and their advice is often concise and effective.

Integrated Writing

In the lecture, the professor casts doubt on the reading passage's idea that the extinction of dodo that is a small, fightless bird is caused by the human's activity, such as overhunting, cuting trees and bringing foreign animals. The professor asserts that it is irrelevant between the human's activity and the extinction of dodo.

To begin with, the professor argues that it is impossible for human to hunt the dodo as their foods. According to the reading passages, the human colonists on the island tend to hunt the dodo because it is an important and convenient source of meat on Mauritius. In addition, that bird can not fly and have no fear of humans. In opposition to this argument, the professor says that the meat gained from the dodo is republsive and bad tasting. It is crazy for human to hunt the dodo for eating.

On top of that, the professor claims that the extinction of dodo is earlier than when human discover the island. The reading passage describes that the colonists cutting down trees to make room for communities and agriculture like the development of sugarcane production. On the contrary, the professor states that the dodo extinct in 1662 while the human find there in 18th century.

Lastly, the professor rebuts the reading's point that humans contributed indirectly to the extinction of the dodo, in addition to the direct ways. By stating that the reason of dodo extinction, the professor points out that the dodo is probably killed by the disaster such as flooding.