Specifying Window Treatments for Light Control and Privacy

Part 1: Roleplay Dialogue

Scenario: An Interior Architect is specifying window treatments to regulate natural light and enhance privacy with a colleague.

Miguel: Hi Yuki, have you considered which window treatments we should recommend for the office project?

Yuki: Yes, I think **motorized blinds** would be a great choice for convenience and energy efficiency.

Miguel: That's a good option, especially for spaces where adjusting blinds manually would be difficult. But in the conference rooms, we may need **blackout curtains** to block out all light during presentations.

Yuki: Agreed. For the open work areas, we should use **solar shading** to reduce glare while maintaining natural light.

Miguel: That makes sense. And for the executive offices, we could apply **reflective coatings** on the glass to help with heat control.

Yuki: Good idea! That would also help with energy savings. In areas where privacy is a concern, we can use **privacy films** instead of heavy drapes.

Miguel: Yes, especially for glass partitions. They allow light to pass through while still ensuring confidentiality.

Yuki: We should prepare samples and test different options in the actual space.

Miguel: Great plan. Let's also confirm the client's preferences before finalizing our recommendations.

Yuki: I'll gather some swatches and set up a demo for them this week.

Miguel: Perfect. I'll join you for the presentation.

Part 2: Comprehension Questions

- 1. What window treatment does Miguel suggest for heat control in executive offices?
 - A) Motorized blinds
 - B) Blackout curtains
 - C) Solar shading
 - D) Reflective coatings
- 2. Why does Yuki propose privacy films?
 - A) To block out all natural light
 - B) To maintain confidentiality while allowing light through
 - C) To reduce energy consumption in offices
 - D) To provide a decorative element
- 3. What solution do they consider for open work areas?
 - A) Blackout curtains
 - B) Reflective coatings
 - C) Solar shading
 - D) Heavy drapes
- 4. What is their next step in the project?
 - A) Install the selected window treatments
 - B) Consult a contractor about pricing
 - C) Conduct a demo and confirm the client's preferences
 - D) Submit the final budget proposal

Part 3: Vocabulary Definitions (Japanese Translations)

1. **Blackout curtains (**遮光カーテン**)** – Curtains designed to block all incoming light for complete darkness.

- 2. **Solar shading (**日射遮蔽**)** Window treatments that reduce glare and heat while maintaining natural light.
- 3. **Motorized blinds (電動ブラインド)** Automated blinds that can be controlled remotely for convenience.
- 4. **Reflective coatings (**反射コーティング**)** A special film applied to glass to reduce heat and glare.
- 5. **Privacy films (**プライバシーフィルム**)** A translucent film that allows light to pass through while obscuring visibility.

Part 4: Answer Key

- 1. What window treatment does Miguel suggest for heat control in executive offices?
 - ✓ D) Reflective coatings
- 2. Why does Yuki propose privacy films?
 - B) To maintain confidentiality while allowing light through
- 3. What solution do they consider for open work areas?
 - C) Solar shading
- 4. What is their next step in the project?
 - C) Conduct a demo and confirm the client's preferences