

第3問 (配点 10)

A You found the following story in a blog written by a female exchange student in your school.

School Festival

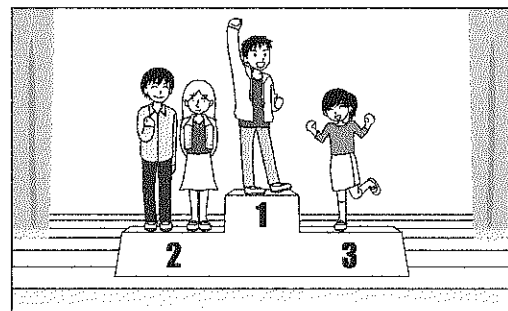
Sunday, September 15

I went with my friend Takuya to his high school festival. I hadn't been to a Japanese school festival before. We first tried the ghost house. It was well-made, using projectors and a good sound system to create a frightening atmosphere.

Then we watched a dance show performed by students. They were cool and danced well. It's a pity that the weather was bad. If it had been sunny, they could have danced outside. At lunch time, we ate Hawaiian pancakes, Thai curry, and Mexican tacos at the food stalls. They were all good, but the Italian pizza had already sold out by the time we found the pizza stall.

In the afternoon, we participated in a karaoke competition together as both of us love singing. Surprisingly, we almost won, which was amazing as there were 20 entries in the competition. We were really happy that many people liked our performance. We also enjoyed the digital paintings and short movies students made.

I can't believe that students organized and prepared this big event by themselves. The school festival was pretty impressive.



問 1 At the school festival,

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- ① most food at the stalls was sold out before lunch time
- ② the dance show was held inside due to poor weather
- ③ the ghost house was run without electronic devices
- ④ the karaoke competition was held in the morning

問 2 You learned that the writer of this blog

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- ① enjoyed the ghost tour, the dance show, and the teachers' art works
- ② sang in the karaoke competition and won third prize
- ③ tried different dishes and took second place in the karaoke contest
- ④ was pleased with her dancing and her short movie about the festival

B You found the following story in a study-abroad magazine.

Flowers and Their Hidden Meanings

Naoko Maeyama (Teaching Assistant)

Giving flowers is definitely a nice thing to do. However, when you are in a foreign country, you should be aware of cultural differences.

Deborah, who was at our school in Japan for a three-week language program, was nervous at first because there were no students from Canada, her home country. But she soon made many friends and was having a great time inside and outside the classroom. One day she heard that her Japanese teacher, Mr. Hayashi, was in the hospital after falling down some stairs at the station. She was really surprised and upset, and wanted to see him as soon as possible. Deborah decided to go to the hospital with her classmates and brought a red begonia in a flower pot to make her teacher happy. When they entered the hospital room, he welcomed them with a big smile. However, his expression suddenly changed when Deborah gave the red flower to him. Deborah was a little puzzled, but she didn't ask the reason because she didn't want to trouble him.

Later, in her elementary Japanese and with the help of a dictionary, Deborah told me about her visit to the hospital, and how her teacher's expression changed when she gave him the begonia. Deborah said, "It's my favorite flower because red is the color of passion. I thought my teacher, who was always passionate about teaching, would surely love it, too."

Unfortunately, flowers growing in a pot are something we shouldn't take to a hospital in Japan. This is because a plant in a pot has roots, and so it cannot be moved easily. In Japanese culture some people associate these facts with remaining in the hospital. Soon after Deborah heard the hidden meaning of the potted begonia, she visited Mr. Hayashi again to apologize.

問 1 According to the story, Deborah's feelings changed in the following order:

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- ① nervous → confused → happy → shocked → sorry
- ② nervous → confused → sorry → shocked → happy
- ③ nervous → happy → shocked → confused → sorry
- ④ nervous → happy → sorry → shocked → confused
- ⑤ nervous → shocked → happy → sorry → confused
- ⑥ nervous → sorry → confused → happy → shocked

問 2 The gift Deborah chose was not appropriate in Japan because it may imply .

- ① a long stay
- ② congratulations
- ③ growing anger
- ④ passion for living

問 3 From this story, you learned that Deborah .

- ① chose a begonia for her teacher because she learned the meanings of several flowers in her class
- ② not only practiced her Japanese but also learned about Japanese culture because of a begonia
- ③ visited the hospital with her teaching assistant to see her teacher and enjoyed chatting
- ④ was given an explanation about the begonia by Mr. Hayashi and learned its hidden meaning