

第3問 (配点 15)

- A You are interested in how Japanese culture is represented in other countries.
You are reading a young UK blogger's post.



Emily Sampson

Monday, 5 July, 8.00 pm

On the first two Sundays in July every year, there is an intercultural event in Winsfield called A Slice of Japan. I had a chance to go there yesterday. It is definitely worth visiting! There were many authentic food stands called *yatai*, hands-on activities, and some great performances. The *yatai* served green-tea ice cream, *takoyaki*, and *yakitori*. I tried green-tea ice cream and *takoyaki*. The *takoyaki* was especially delicious. You should try some!

I saw three performances. One of them was a *rakugo* comedy given in English. Some people were laughing, but somehow I didn't find it funny. It may be because I don't know much about Japanese culture. For me, the other two, the *taiko* and the *koto*, were the highlights. The *taiko* were powerful, and the *koto* was relaxing.

I attended a workshop and a cultural experience, which were fun. In the workshop, I learnt how to make *onigiri*. Although the shape of the one I made was a little odd, it tasted good. The *nagashi-somen* experience was really interesting! It involved trying to catch cooked noodles with chopsticks as they slid down a bamboo water slide. It was very difficult to catch them.

If you want to experience a slice of Japan, this festival is for you! I took a picture of the flyer. Check it out.

A Slice of Japan
The Culture Park, Winsfield
Held on first & second Sundays in July (9.00 am - 4.00 pm)

Food Stands	Hands-on Activities	Traditional Performances
Green-tea ice cream  Takoyaki (octopus snack)  Yakitori (chicken skewers) 	Nagashi-somen (noodles) Experience  Onigiri (rice balls) Workshop 	Koto (harp)  Taiko (drums)  Rakugo (comic storytelling) 

問 1 In Emily's blog, you read that she 16.

- ① enjoyed Japanese traditional music
- ② learnt how to play Japanese drums
- ③ made a water slide from bamboo
- ④ was able to try all the *yatai* foods

問 2 Emily was most likely 17 when she was listening to the *rakugo* comedy.

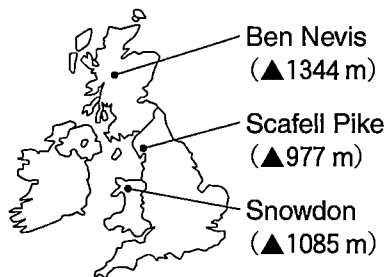
- ① confused
- ② convinced
- ③ excited
- ④ relaxed

B You enjoy outdoor sports and have found an interesting story in a mountain climbing magazine.

Attempting the Three Peaks Challenge

By John Highland

Last September, a team of 12 of us, 10 climbers and two minibus drivers, participated in the Three Peaks Challenge, which is well known for its difficulty among climbers in Britain. The goal is to climb the highest mountain in Scotland (Ben Nevis), in England



(Scafell Pike), and in Wales (Snowdon) within 24 hours, including approximately 10 hours of driving between the mountains. To prepare for this, we trained on and off for several months and planned the route carefully. Our challenge would start at the foot of Ben Nevis and finish at the foot of Snowdon.

We began our first climb at six o'clock on a beautiful autumn morning. Thanks to our training, we reached the summit in under three hours. On the way down, however, I realised I had dropped my phone. Fortunately, I found it with the help of the team, but we lost 15 minutes.

We reached our next destination, Scafell Pike, early that evening. After six hours of rest in the minibus, we started our second climb full of energy. As it got darker, though, we had to slow down. It took four-and-a-half hours to complete Scafell Pike. Again, it took longer than planned, and time was running out. However, because the traffic was light, we were right on schedule when we started our final climb. Now we felt more confident we could complete the challenge within the time limit.

Unfortunately, soon after we started the final climb, it began to rain heavily and we had to slow down again. It was slippery and very difficult to see ahead. At 4.30 am, we realised that we could no longer finish in 24 hours.

Nevertheless, we were still determined to climb the final mountain. The rain got heavier and heavier, and two members of the team decided to return to the minibus. Exhausted and miserable, the rest of us were also ready to go back down, but then the sky cleared, and we saw that we were really close to the top of the mountain. Suddenly, we were no longer tired. Even though we weren't successful with the time challenge, we were successful with the climb challenge. We had done it. What a feeling that was!

問 1 Put the following events (①~④) into the order they happened.

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- ① All members reached the top of the highest mountain in Scotland.
- ② Some members gave up climbing Snowdon.
- ③ The group travelled by minibus to Wales.
- ④ The team members helped to find the writer's phone.

問 2 What was the reason for being behind schedule when they completed Scafell Pike?

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- ① It took longer than planned to reach the top of Ben Nevis.
- ② It was difficult to make good progress in the dark.
- ③ The climbers took a rest in order to save energy.
- ④ The team had to wait until the conditions improved.

問 3 From this story, you learnt that the writer

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- ① didn't feel a sense of satisfaction
- ② reached the top of all three mountains
- ③ successfully completed the time challenge
- ④ was the second driver of the minibus