

第 5 問 (配点 15)

Your English teacher has told everyone in your class to choose a short story in English to read. You will introduce the following story to your classmates, using a worksheet.

Becoming an Artist

Lucy smiled in anticipation. In a moment she would walk onto the stage and receive her prize from the mayor and the judges of the drawing contest. The microphone screeched and then came the mayor's announcement. "And the winner of the drawing contest is... Robert McGinnis! Congratulations!"

Lucy stood up, still smiling. Then, her face blazing red with embarrassment, abruptly sat down again. What? There must be a mistake! But the boy named Robert McGinnis was already on the stage, shaking hands with the mayor and accepting the prize. She glanced at her parents, her eyes filled with tears of disappointment. They had expected her to do well, especially her father. "Oh Daddy, I'm sorry I didn't win," she whispered.

Lucy had enjoyed drawing since she was a little girl. She did her first drawing of her father when she was in kindergarten. Although it was only a child's drawing, it really looked like him. He was delighted, and, from that day, Lucy spent many happy hours drawing pictures to give to Mommy and Daddy.

As she got older, her parents continued to encourage her. Her mother, a busy translator, was happy that her daughter was doing something creative. Her father bought her art books. He was no artist himself, but sometimes gave her advice, suggesting that she look very carefully at what she was drawing and copy as accurately as possible. Lucy tried hard, wanting to improve her technique and please her father.

It had been Lucy's idea to enter the town drawing contest. She thought that if she won, her artistic ability would be recognized. She practiced every

evening after school. She also spent all her weekends working quietly on her drawings, copying her subjects as carefully as she could.

Her failure to do well came as a great shock. She had worked so hard and her parents had been so supportive. Her father, however, was puzzled. Why did Lucy apologize at the end of the contest? There was no need to do so. Later, Lucy asked him why she had failed to win the competition. He answered sympathetically, "To me, your drawing was perfect." Then he smiled, and added, "But perhaps you should talk to your mother. She understands art better than I do."

Her mother was thoughtful. She wanted to give Lucy advice without damaging her daughter's self-esteem. "Your drawing was good," she told her, "but I think it lacked something. I think you only drew what you could see. When I translate a novel, I need to capture not only the meaning, but also the spirit of the original. To do that, I need to consider the meaning behind the words. Perhaps drawing is the same; you need to look under the surface."

Lucy continued to draw, but her art left her feeling unsatisfied. She couldn't understand what her mother meant. What was wrong with drawing what she could see? What else could she do?

Around this time, Lucy became friends with a girl called Cathy. They became close friends and Lucy grew to appreciate her for her kindness and humorous personality. Cathy often made Lucy laugh, telling jokes, saying ridiculous things, and making funny faces. One afternoon, Cathy had such a funny expression on her face that Lucy felt she had to draw it. "Hold that pose!" she told Cathy, laughing. She drew quickly, enjoying her friend's expression so much that she didn't really think about what she was doing.

When Lucy entered art college three years later, she still had that sketch. It had caught Cathy exactly, not only her odd expression but also her friend's kindness and her sense of humor—the things that are found under the surface.

Your worksheet:

1. Story title

"Becoming an Artist"

2. People in the story

Lucy: She loves to draw.

Lucy's father: He .

Lucy's mother: She is a translator and supports Lucy.

Cathy: She becomes Lucy's close friend.

3. What the story is about

Lucy's growth as an artist:

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Her drawing improves thanks to and .

4. My favorite part of the story

When the result of the contest is announced, Lucy says, "Oh Daddy, I'm sorry I didn't win."

This shows that Lucy .

5. Why I chose this story

Because I want to be a voice actor and this story taught me the importance of trying to to make the characters I play seem more real.

問 1 Choose the best option for

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- ① gives Lucy some drawing tips
- ② has Lucy make drawings of him often
- ③ spends weekends drawing with Lucy
- ④ wants Lucy to work as an artist

問 2 Choose **four** out of the five descriptions (①~⑤) and rearrange them in the order they happened.

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- ① She becomes frustrated with her drawing.
- ② She decides not to show anyone her drawings.
- ③ She draws with her feelings as well as her eyes.
- ④ She has fun making drawings as gifts.
- ⑤ She works hard to prove her talent at drawing.

問 3 Choose the best two options for

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. (The order does not matter.)

- ① a friend she couldn't help sketching
- ② a message she got from a novel
- ③ advice she received from her mother
- ④ her attempt to make a friend laugh
- ⑤ spending weekends drawing indoors

問 4 Choose the best option for

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- ① didn't practice as much as her father expected
- ② knew her father didn't like her entering the contest
- ③ thought she should have followed her father's advice
- ④ was worried she had disappointed her father

問 5 Choose the best option for

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- ① achieve a better understanding of people
- ② analyze my own feelings more deeply
- ③ describe accurately what is happening around me
- ④ use different techniques depending on the situation