

第3問 (配点 9)

Your English teacher told you to read this short story for the next class.

The Bug Cup



My high school classmate and I were sitting for an hour with our legs crossed and our eyes closed, trying to feel our breath. I had signed up for this special workshop to learn how to control my thoughts and emotions. My father had recommended it to me. He said it might help me focus my mind, lower my stress, and hopefully improve my grades at school. My friend came along to see if it could help him, too.

Sometime during the session I heard a faint buzzing sound, but little by little I could hear it more clearly. It was a small insect. It flew very close to my right ear and almost went in it! I wanted to hit it with my hand, but we weren't supposed to move. "What should I do now?" I thought.

Just as I opened my eyes, the bug flew off toward the instructor. I saw her take a cup and a postcard that were nearby. She stood up and trapped the bug in the cup against the wall. Sliding the card between the cup and the wall, she covered the open end of the cup. Then, she did something that really impressed me. She walked to the window, opened it, and let the insect fly out. The instructor softly closed the window and our eyes met. After the session, she came over to me and said, "The bug cup always works. Having a warm heart for all creatures is one of the keys to a peaceful mind."

I don't know yet if the workshop has helped me concentrate better or if it will improve my grades. However, I did learn something important from that bug cup experience.

問 1 The author joined the workshop because 8.

- ① a classmate encouraged him to
- ② a family member suggested it
- ③ his father signed him up
- ④ his friend got good grades

問 2 Choose **four** out of the five options (①~⑤) and put them in the order they appeared in the story. 9 → 10 → 11 → 12

- ① The author learned a valuable lesson.
- ② The author was aware of an annoying noise.
- ③ The insect flew away from the author.
- ④ The instructor caught the bug in her hand.
- ⑤ The instructor released the insect.

問 3 From the instructor, the author most likely understood the importance of being 13 to all living things.

- ① attractive
- ② cruel
- ③ strict
- ④ tender