

高校入試対策 長文読解対策問題

次の英文を読んで、各問いに答えよ。

One boy living in Kenya helped many people with his idea, and it changed his life.

He lived near the Nairobi National Park, and his family had cows. The boy wanted to study at school, but he had to take care of his family's cows. The Nairobi National Park is not fenced in the south. So not only zebras but also lions come out of the park. Lions often came to the boy's village at night and killed cows. One day, when the boy got up in the morning, he found that one of his family's cows was killed by lions. After that, lions came almost every night and killed their cows. His family lost nine cows that week. He felt so bad. Losing cows is a big problem for people who need cows to live.

Lions are also important in Kenya. Many foreign people come to Kenya to see wild animals like lions every year, but the number of lions is decreasing in Kenya. Some lions are killed by people who are angry with lions because they kill people's cows. It is ① one of the problems in Kenya.

The boy didn't like lions, but he thought it was not good to kill lions. He wanted to protect his family's cows without killing lions. His first idea was to use fire. He thought lions were afraid of it, but it did not work well. The fire helped the lions to find the cows.

He did not give up. His second idea was to use a scarecrow. It looked like a man standing by the cows. On the first night, the lions came and saw the scarecrow, and they left. On the second night, they came again and found that it was not moving, so they came in and killed a cow. Lions are very clever.

The boy was interested in electronics. When he was a small boy, he took his mother's new radio apart because he wanted to know ② the radio worked. ③ His mother got very angry, but he learned a lot about electronics.

One night, he was walking around the cows with a flashlight, and that night, the lions did not come. He found that lions were afraid of the moving light. He got a new idea with electronics. His third idea was to make lights which flashed on and off during the night. To make the lights, he used an old car battery, a broken flashlight and so on because he did not have money to buy new parts. The lions believed that someone was walking around the cows, and they did not kill the cows when the boy put the lights outside at night. They worked really well! He called them "lion lights".

Since then, he has never had any problems with lions. One old woman in his village asked the boy to help her, and he made the lion lights for her. His idea is now used in Kenya not only for lions but also for other wild animals to keep them away from people's farms. Many people were helped by lion lights.

Lion lights became famous in Kenya, and the boy got a scholarship, so he could go to school. Also, he was supported by the school and made more lion lights for the people who had a problem with lions. He said, "I didn't like lions, but now, because my lion lights are saving both my family's cows and the lions, we are able to live with the lions without killing them." He taught people how to protect their cows with his lion lights. He thinks that everyone can do something for others.

(注) Kenya: ケニア cow: 牛 fence: 囲いをする zebra: シマウマ wild: 野生の decrease: 減少する
scarecrow: かかし clever: 賢い electronics: 電子機器 take~apart: ~をばらばらにする
flashlight: 懐中電灯 flash on and off: 点滅する battery: バッテリー part: 部品 farm: 農場
scholarship: 奨学金

(1) 下線部①の内容として最も適切なものはどれか。次のア～エから1つ選び、その記号を書け。

- ア 観光資源でもあるライオンを、家畜を襲うという理由で殺し、ライオンの数が減っていること。
イ ライオンが国立公園の外に出てこないようにするためにフェンスを作らなければならないこと。
ウ ライオンがえさとしていた家畜が減少し、ライオンが人を襲うようになっていること。
エ 国立公園内のライオンの数が減ったため、野生動物を見に来る人の数も減っていること。

(2) 文脈に合うように、に入る最も適切な英語を、次のア～エから1つ選び、その記号を書け。

- ア where イ how ウ when エ what

(3) 下線部③の理由を具体的に表す英語を、本文中から7語で抜き出し、その最初の3語を書け。

(4) 本文で述べられている、少年が家畜の牛をライオンから守るために考えたアイデアを以下のようにまとめた。下の表の(あ), (い), (う)に入る英語を、後のア～カから1つずつ選び、その記号を書け。

	使用したもの	理 由
1 つめのアイデア	(あ)	He thought lions were afraid of (あ).
2 つめのアイデア	scarecrow	He thought lions were afraid of a man (い) by the cows.
3 つめのアイデア	light	He thought lions were afraid of a (う) light.

- ア moving イ cows ウ fire エ walking オ standing カ car battery

(5) 本文の内容と合っているものを、次のア～カから2つ選び、その記号を書け。

- ア The boy living near the Nairobi National Park took care of his family's cows because the boy didn't want to go to school.
イ The Nairobi National Park is fenced in the south, so zebras and lions are protected in the park.
ウ The boy thought it was not good to kill lions because lions were more important than cows in Kenya.
エ The boy never stopped looking for a good way to protect cows, and he finally found a good way to protect both cows and lions.
オ The old woman asked the boy to make many lion lights for her, so she could sell them to help many people.
カ Lion lights help many people and animals, and because of the lights, the boy was able to go to school.

- (6) 次の会話は、本文を読んだ後に Mr. Brown と Akiko が話した内容である。あなたが Akiko なら、Mr. Brown の質問にどのように答えるか。 に入る英語を 10 語程度で書け。ただし、1 文または 2 文で書き、コンマやピリオドなどは語数に含めないこと。

Mr. Brown: I like this story. The lion lights he made helped both people and animals.
What do you think of this story, Akiko?

Akiko: I was moved by the words, “everyone can do something for others.”

Mr. Brown: Well, you can do something for others, too. What will you do for others?

Akiko:

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(1)ア (2)イ (3)he took his (4)あ ウ い オ う ア

(5)エ、カ

(6)I will clean the park near my house every month.