

静岡県公立入試(2014年)長文読解

次の英文は、陸上部(track and field team)に所属する中学生の涼子(Ryoko)が、母親とのできごとについて書いたものである。この英文を読んで、(1)~(6)の問いに答えなさい。(16点)

I'm on the track and field team. I practice running after class every day because I will have my last athletic meet soon. I want to win the hundred-meter race.

One week before the athletic meet, I was very tired after a hard practice, and I didn't feel very happy because . I thought, "Why doesn't my running time get better? I practice very hard every day!" Then my mother came to my room and said, "It's time for dinner. After dinner, take a bath and finish your homework. I know you're tired, but keep <sup>(a)</sup> practice hard because this is your last athletic meet. I will go to it with your father. I can't wait to see your race. I hope you can win."

"You don't understand how I'm feeling now. I don't want you to come to the athletic meet," I told my mother. She looked surprised to hear that. I didn't want to say those bad things to her, but the words came out of my mouth. My mother said, "OK. I won't go, but please eat dinner before it becomes cold," and she left my room. That night, I went to bed early without dinner.

The next morning, my mother and I didn't say anything at breakfast. My father asked me, "Did you have a fight last night with your mother?" I didn't answer him and just left home.

During my practice that day, my teacher came to me and said, "Your mother was <sup>(b)</sup> bring to the hospital just now. You should go to the hospital."

On the bus to the hospital, I could only think about my mother. It began to rain hard, and my eyes filled with tears at the same time. "Mother became sick because I told her bad things," I thought.

In the hospital, my mother was sleeping in her room, and my father was next to her. He said, "Your mother has been a little sick for a month. She didn't want me to tell you about this because you have an important athletic meet soon. Now she's OK." When I said, "I didn't know that," he told me about my mother's feelings. Before I came to the hospital, my mother said to my father, "I gave Ryoko a lot of pressure when I talked with her last night. I didn't understand how she felt. I cannot go to the athletic meet, but tell her I will cheer for her in the hospital." After my father told me this, I looked at my mother with tears in my eyes. Then my father said, "Your mother had a dream last night. In her dream, you were number one in the race." I looked at my mother's face for some time and then asked her, "Can I really win?" She was still sleeping, but I felt she answered, "Of course, you can."

Then I looked out of the window. The sun was setting in the beautiful clear sky.

(注) athletic meet : 陸上大会    win : 勝つ    race : 競走    fight : 口げんか  
fill : いっぱいになる (filled は過去形)    tears : 涙    feelings : 気持ち  
pressure : プレッシャー    cheer : 応援する    set : 沈む    clear sky : 晴れた空

(1) ㉓、㉔の( )の中の語を適切な形に直しなさい。

(2) 本文中の  の中に補う英語として、次のア～エの中から最も適切なものを1つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

ア my running time that day was very good

イ my last athletic meet already finished

ウ I did not practice very hard that day

エ I could not run very fast that day

(3) 次の質問に対して、英語で答えなさい。

① Who told Ryoko that her mother was in the hospital?

② How did Ryoko go to the hospital to see her mother?

(4) 下線部の中の bad things とは母親に対する涼子のどのような発言か。涼子が bad things と考えている、母親に対する涼子の発言の内容をすべて、日本語で書きなさい。

(5) 病院で、父親は、母親が涼子に知らせたくなかったある事柄と、母親がその事柄を知らせたくなかった理由を、涼子に伝えている。父親が涼子に伝えている、母親が知らせたくなかった事柄と理由を、それぞれ日本語で書きなさい。

(6) 次のア～オの中から、本文の内容と合うものを2つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

ア In Ryoko's room, her mother said it was better for Ryoko to finish her homework before dinner.

イ The morning after Ryoko said bad things to her mother, Ryoko didn't say anything to her father at breakfast.

ウ At the hospital, Ryoko's mother said to Ryoko's father that she was going to go to the athletic meet to cheer for Ryoko.

エ In the dream Ryoko's mother had one week before the athletic meet, Ryoko was number one in the race.

オ When Ryoko asked her mother at the hospital, "Can I really win?" she answered with a smile, "Of course, you can."