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。

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 could not run very fast that day. 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 practicing 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 brought 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 feeling. 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. I her dream, you were nuber one in the race." I looked at my mother's face for some time and then asked 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 setting in the beautiful clear sky.

※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 tears: 涙 feeligs: 気持ち pressure: プレッシャー cheer: 応援する set: 沈む

clear sky:晴れた空

次のア〜オの中から、本文の内容とあうものを2つ選び記号で答えなさい。 (2017 静岡県公立入試)

- T: In Ryoko's room, her mother said it was better for Ryoko to finish herhomework before dinner.
- √: The morning after Ryoko said bad things to her mother, Ryoko didn't say anything to her fater 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.
- 工: In the dream Ryoko's mother had one week before athletic meet, Ryoko was number one in the race.

次の英文は、中学生の彩香(Ayaka)が、同級生の友恵(Tomoe)とのできごとを振り返って書いたものである。

Tomoe and I were second-year members of the school basketball team. We wanted to be the regular players fpor the important games in July. They were the last games for the third-year members. After practicing one day, I said to Tomoe, "The third-year members are very kind. When we can't play basketball well, they always teach us how to play better. I like them and I want to play together with them to win the games in July." "Me, too." she answered.

Two weeks before the games, the basketball teacher said the names of the regular players in front of every member in the gym. Almost all of the regular players, were third-year members. There were members who became regular players, and I was one of them! Tomoe came to me and said, "I'm not a regular player, but I will do everything I can do for the team."

When we were practicing that day, I fell down. I felt a pain in my ankle and I couldn't stand up. Everyone to help me. The teacher took care of my ankle and said, "You should go to the doctor." Then he called my mother. After a while, she came and took me to the doctor. The doctor said, "You have to stop playing basketball for a month." I was very sad.

The next morning, Tomoe asked me, "How is your ankle, Ayaka?" "I can't play basketball for a month," I answered. She said, "Don't be sad, Ayaka. You can't play this time, but I'm sure you can play as a regular player next time." "No, next time means nothing to me." I said and went away from her.

I was thinking about Tomoe and the team that day. After school, I went to the teacher and said, "I have to go to the doctor." Then I went to the gym before leaving school. I found Tomoe there. She was cleaning the floor alone for the team to make things ready before practicing basketball. I remembered the words she said to me when I became a regular player. I went to her and said, "I can't play basketball yet, but there are things I can do for the team." "I'm glad to hear that," she answered.

After that, Tomoe and I went to the gym the earliest of all the members on the team and did many things to help them. In July, our team couldn't win the games. It was sad, but I learned an important thing from Tomoe. Now this is our team's slogan. It is,"For The Team!"

※ second-year:2 年生の member(s):部員 regular player:レギュラー third-year:3 年生の win:勝つ gym:体育館 fell down:転んだ pain:痛み ankle:足首 slogan:スローガン

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- The basketball teacher said the named of the regular players a month before the games in July.
- ✓ Tomoe could not become one of the regular players of the team for the games in July.
- ウ The basketball teacher called the doctor when Ayaka had a pain in her ankle.
- The When Tomoe asked Ayaka about her ankle the next morning, Ayaka said nothing.
- オ Ayaka learned an important thing from Tomoe, and it is now team's slogan.