

1 次の文章を読んで、あとの各問に答えよ。

(\*印の付いている単語・語句には、本文のあとに〔注〕がある。)

Satoshi, a high school student in Tokyo, was a member of the English Club. When he became a second-year student, Jack, a student from Australia, joined his class. The club planned to have a welcome tea party for Jack. Satoshi asked Jack to join it. Jack said thank you. Jack also said he wanted to bring one of his favorite sweets there. Satoshi asked Ms. Suzuki, an \*advisor to the club, about that. She said OK. Then he asked her, "May I bring some *yokan* my father makes? *Yokan* with bean \*grains in it is popular in our shop." Satoshi's family \*ran a traditional Japanese sweet shop. She answered, "Sure. It will be a good chance for Jack to try Japanese sweets."

One Friday in April, Satoshi, Jack, and other members of the club got together in a classroom after school. They introduced themselves and enjoyed talking. Then Satoshi gave them some *yokan* and explained, "*Yokan* is a sweet made from beans and \*sugar." Jack looked surprised. He \*tried a bite and said to Satoshi, "I'm sorry. I cannot eat *yokan*. I eat beans, but I usually don't eat sweet-cooked ones. I see some beans in it. It looks strange to me." Satoshi was shocked to hear that.

Next, Jack showed the members rice pudding. He said, "Rice pudding is popular in my country. It's made from rice, milk, and sugar. Yesterday, I made some with my host mother." Satoshi was surprised. He couldn't imagine eating rice with milk as a sweet and said, "It looks like *okayu*, rice porridge. I can see rice grains in it." Everyone tried it. Some liked it, but others stopped eating it. Satoshi was one of them. He said, "I like pudding, but this is different from the pudding I usually eat. It's difficult for me to enjoy it. It tastes strange to me. I'm sorry." Both Satoshi and Jack were sad. Satoshi thought for a while and said, "Ms. Suzuki, may I bring a different kind of *yokan* next time? It'll be easier for Jack to enjoy." She agreed. Jack said, "I'll try it, Satoshi. I'll bring another rice pudding, too. I hope you like it."

In the evening of that day, Satoshi told his father about the party. His father said, "There are many kinds of *yokan* in Japan." Then he continued, "How about using something else for the *yokan*, not beans?" Satoshi wondered what would be good and got an idea. He told his father about it and made another kind of *yokan* with his father.

On the same evening, Jack talked with his host mother about the party. She said, "Some people are \*unfamiliar with rice pudding. How about \*crushing the rice grains and adding \*honey to it?" After dinner, with her, Jack made a different rice pudding from the one he usually had in his country.

On the next Tuesday, the English Club and Jack got together again. Satoshi brought some *yokan*. He said, "I made it with my father. This is made from \*sweet potatoes. I hope you enjoy it, Jack." Jack tried a bite and said, "Good! I like this. Thank you for making another kind of *yokan* for me, Satoshi." "I'm glad to hear that. I really wanted you to enjoy traditional Japanese sweets," said Satoshi.

Next, Jack gave Satoshi and the other members rice pudding. Satoshi said, "It looks different from the one you brought last week." There were no rice grains in it. Satoshi tried a bite and said, "Oh, I like it. I'm very glad that you thought about me." Everyone liked it, too. Jack smiled. Satoshi said, "It's sometimes difficult for people from different cultures to understand something different. But I learned that we can make it easier by thinking about them and finding other ways for them." Everyone was happy to hear that.

〔注〕 advisor 顧問	grain 粒	run 営む
sugar 砂糖	try a bite 一口食べてみる	unfamiliar 慣れていない
crush 潰す	honey はちみつ	sweet potato さつまいも

問1 She said OK. の内容を、次のように書き表すとすれば、 の中に、次のどれを入れるのがよいか。

Ms. Suzuki said that  .

- ア Jack could bring one of his favorite sweets
- イ Jack could join the English Club at the high school
- ウ Satoshi could ask Jack to come to a welcome tea party
- エ Jack was invited to Satoshi's family's Japanese sweet shop

問2 次のア～エの文を、本文の内容の流れに沿って並べ、記号で答えよ。

- ア Jack thanked Satoshi for making *yokan* made from sweet potatoes.
- イ Satoshi was sad to learn that Jack couldn't eat *yokan* because it looked strange to him.
- ウ Satoshi's father thought that making another kind of *yokan* would be a good idea for Jack.
- エ Ms. Suzuki said that trying *yokan* would be a good chance for Jack to try Japanese sweets.

問3 次の(1)～(3)の文を、本文の内容と合うように完成するには、の中に、それぞれどれを入れるのがよいか。

- (1) At the welcome tea party, Jack looked surprised after  .
- ア Satoshi made sweet potatoes with his father for Jack
  - イ many members of the English Club enjoyed *yokan*
  - ウ Satoshi explained what *yokan* is made from
  - エ he tried *yokan* made by Satoshi's father
- (2) When Jack was not able to enjoy the sweet brought by Satoshi,  .
- ア Jack asked his host mother to make another *yokan* for him
  - イ Jack gave the members something they all liked very much
  - ウ Satoshi was shocked and he didn't introduce Jack to the club members
  - エ Satoshi wanted to bring something which would be easier for Jack to enjoy
- (3) On Tuesday, the club members were happy after  .
- ア both Satoshi and Jack liked the sweets brought by each of them
  - イ Satoshi tried a bite of *yokan* made by Jack and his host mother
  - ウ Satoshi gave Jack *yokan* with sweet-cooked beans and milk in it
  - エ Jack learned that Satoshi liked the rice pudding with rice grains in it

問4 次の(1)、(2)の質問の答えとして適切なものは、それぞれ次のうちではどれか。

- (1) On Friday, why did Satoshi stop eating the rice pudding made by Jack?
- ア Because, before trying it, some members said that it looked like rice porridge.
  - イ Because it tasted strange to him, and it was different from the pudding he usually ate.
  - ウ Because Jack's host mother said that some people were unfamiliar with rice pudding.
  - エ Because the rice pudding was different from the kind Jack ate in Australia.
- (2) What did Satoshi learn after eating rice pudding for the second time?
- ア He learned that it was difficult for Jack to enjoy *yokan* made from something different from beans.
  - イ He learned that crushing rice grains and adding honey to it would be a good way to make *yokan* for Jack.
  - ウ He learned that the rice pudding made by Jack and his host mother would be popular in Satoshi's father's shop.
  - エ He learned that thinking about others and finding other ways for them can make something different easier to understand.

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