

FLEX ENGLISH COMMUNICATION I

Short Reading

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<SDGs について(スピーチ)>

次の英文は、中学3年生の Mei が SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals 「持続可能な開発目標」) について調べて書いたスピーチ原稿である。①～⑥に答えなさい。

Do you know about SDGs? They are goals to make the earth sustainable. They are shared by many countries for the better future. Today we have a lot of problems on the earth. The problems are so that we must work together for the SDGs. One way to find an answer to the problems is to think about the clothes we wear every day. Many companies know they must do something, and they are doing some interesting things.

Some companies make organic clothes. They are usually more expensive, and organic cotton is often used for them. To grow organic cotton, the farmers may need more people and time. But when they grow it, they usually use almost no chemicals. Also, they don't need so much water then. So it is good for the earth. They can grow organic cotton almost without any and save some .

Some companies make clothes by hand, without machines. There are some good things about this. If machines are used, we will have more CO₂. If they are not used, we can reduce it. Also, when clothes are made by hand, the companies will need more workers. So more people will get jobs. I heard a story about a woman who lives in a small village in India. In that country, many people must leave their villages to find jobs in big cities because it is difficult to get jobs in their villages. But that woman doesn't have to ^{IV}do so. She is a good worker. Her job is to make clothes by hand. She doesn't use machines, and she can work at home. She is glad to have a job and live with her family in her village. I hope more people will be happy like her.

Other companies collect used clothes to reuse or recycle them. By doing so, they can reduce waste.

“Upcycling” is also useful. It means that we make better things by using old or unwanted things. I know about some upcycled things. Some shoes are made from plastic waste in the sea. That is useful for reducing the waste in the sea. I also think we will remember another important thing by wearing them. The sea color is used for them. So, when we wear them and see the color, we will not that we must make the sea clean.

Most of the things these companies are doing are good, but they are not new. Do you know people in the old days did the same kind of things? Traditional Japanese clothes, kimonos, are good examples. A long time ago, Japanese people wore kimonos every day. They were organic clothes and made by hand. People wore them for many years with love. People's lives were sustainable then.

At first, I thought that SDGs were only for companies. But now I've found that each of us has a thing we can do for these goals. We wear something every day. That means we can do something. I will think more about the clothes I wear every day. When I go shopping, I will try to . Then I will wear them with love. When they become old, I want to upcycle them. I believe our clothes can change the world and everyone will be happy.

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Question 1: に入れるのに最も適当なのは、1~4のうちではどれですか。1つ答えなさい。

- 1. perfect
- 2. big
- 3. right
- 4. short

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Question 2: , に入る英語の組み合わせとして最も適当なのは、1~4のうちではどれですか。1つ答えなさい。

- 1. people water
- 2. chemicals time
- 3. people time
- 4. chemicals water

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Question 3: 次の , にそれぞれ適当な日本語を入れて、下線部IVの具体的内容を説明しなさい。

大都市で という目的のために、自分の 。

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(2)()

Question 4: に入れるのに適当な英語 1 語を書きなさい。

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Question 5: あなたが Mei になったつもりで、 に 6 語以上の英語を書きなさい。

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Question 6: 本文の内容と合っているのは、1~5のうちではどれですか。当てはまるものをすべて答えなさい。

- 1. Many companies have already started doing something for SDGs.
- 2. Mei likes organic clothes very much because they are not so expensive.
- 3. More companies are trying to reduce CO₂ by using good machines.
- 4. People can make things better by using new things for upcycling.
- 5. Kimonos in the old days show Japanese people had sustainable lives then.

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