

Ⅴの長文問題を解説します。自分のゲームを作り、お店を持ちたいと願い、その夢を実現させた少年 Caine の本当にあったお話です。平易で読みやすい文章です。Caine がいつどのようなことをして成長していくかをすくい取るように読んでいくのがポイントになります。

This is a true story about a filmmaker named Nirvan Mullick. He *helped make a young boy's dream come true.

The boy's name was Caine Monroy. He was nine years old and lived in California. He often spent the day at his father's store. His father sold parts for cars. One day, Caine said, "Dad, (1)I want to have my own store, too. Can I use some boxes to make games?"

Caine made many games. One was a basketball game. You throw a small paper ball into a basket. Another one was a *crane game. You try to pick up things with a *hook. If you pick up something, you can keep it! Now he had his own entertainment center. (2)Caine waited for people to come. But no one came. Still he waited for customers and made more games.

Then one day, Nirvan Mullick came ①to buy a part for his car. He was very surprised. (3)The front of the shop was full of games. He asked Caine how much it cost to play. "You can play four games for a dollar. Or a Fun Pass is two dollars. You can play 500 times with the Fun Pass." Nirvan bought a Fun Pass.

問3(1) 1ドルで4回ゲームができる。Fun Passを2ドルで買うと500回できる。

After playing some games, Nirvan said, "These games are amazing!" Caine's father said, "Caine works really hard, but nobody comes. 【ア are イ his games ウ in エ interested オ is カ person キ the only ク who ケ you】." Nirvan said, "May I invite people to come here and play the games? That would be a good surprise for Caine."

He also wanted to make a short movie about Caine. His father agreed. Nirvan used the Internet to ask people to visit the shop the next Sunday.

問3(2) 「Nirvan は人々にお店にきてもらうように頼むためにインターネットを使った。」

That Sunday, Caine's father took Caine out to a restaurant for lunch. (4)When they got back, over 100 people were waiting. They all wanted to play Caine's games! "Is this a real life, or am I just dreaming?"

The people played his games and had fun. (5) Nirvan made a movie and put it on the Internet. It soon became very popular. People liked it because Caine worked so hard and never gave up.

Caine was invited to make speeches at universities. Famous magazines wrote about him. Now Caine's life had really changed.

① After that, Nirvan created a group called *The Imagination Foundation. They help teachers and groups plan events. At these events, ② children imagine their own toys and games. Then, they plan and make them. Every year in October, they have a special day. ③ Children in more than 50 countries have the chance to show their own toys and games to other children all around the world. *In this way, ④ children learn things that are not usually taught in school.

問3 (3)①「その後 (Caine の人生が変わった後)、Nirvan はイマジネーション財団を作った。」②「子供達は自分自身のおもちゃやゲームを想像できる。」③「子供達は世界中の他の子供達自分のおもちゃやゲームを見せることができる。」④「子供達はたいてい学校で教えられないことを学ぶ。」

Nirvan helped Caine. So Caine's dream came true. Now Nirvan is giving other children a chance to imagine. Maybe one day their dreams will come true, too.

(注) help make... ~するのを助ける crane game クレーンゲーム
hook フック
The Imagination Foundation イマジネーション財団
in this way このようにして

問1 下線部①と同じ用法を含む文を以下のア～エの中から選び、記号で答えなさい。

- ア He has friends to help him.
- イ It is important to read good books.
- ウ I went to the supermarket to get some food.
- エ Our job is to clean the playground.

ア 彼には助けてくれる友人がいます。friends を修飾する形容詞用法
イ よい本を読むことは重要だ。It は形式主語。名詞的用法
ウ 食べ物を手に入れるために、私はお店に行った。副詞的用法
エ 私達の仕事は運動場をきれいにすることだ。名詞的用法
下線部①は「Nirvan Mullick は車の部品を買うためにやってきた。」といった意味の副詞的用法であるため、ウが正解。

問2 「あなたは彼のゲームに興味を持っている唯一の人だ。」という意味になるように、【 】内の語句を適切な順番に並べかえたとき、3番目と6番目にくる語句をア～ケの中から選び、それぞれ記号で答えなさい。ただし、文頭にくる語も小文字にしてある。

You are the only person who is interested in his games.が正解。You are the only person (あなたは唯一の人だ) が主となる文であり、is interested in his games (彼のゲームに興味を持っている) が関係詞 who を介して後置修飾している。

問3 次の(1)～(3)の質問の答えとして最も適切なものを、それぞれア～エの中から1つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

- (1) If you have a Fun Pass and one dollar, how many times can you play Caine's game?
- ア You can play 4 times.
 - イ You can play 54 times.

ウ You can play 500 times.

エ You can play 504 times.

「Fun Pass と 1 ドルを持っていると何回ゲームができるでしょう。」
Fun Pass で 500 回と 1 ドルで 4 回できるので、合計して 504 回できる。
正解はエ

(2) How did Nirvan invite people to come to play Caine's game?

ア He asked Caine to make a speech in the town.

イ He asked famous magazines to write about Caine.

ウ He asked people to visit the shop by using the Internet.

エ He wrote a book about Caine and put it on the Internet.

「どのようにして Nirvan は Caine のゲームをしに来るように誘いましたか。」お店が人気が出た後、「スピーチをするように頼まれたり」「雑誌に記事が載っている」のでア、イは該当しない。エの「本を書いて、インターネットにのせた」という記述はない。正解はウ

(3) What is NOT TRUE about the Imagination Foundation?

ア After Caine's life changed, Nirvan created it.

イ Children all around the world see toys and games on a special day.

ウ Children learn things that Caine taught at the events.

エ It helps children imagine their own games and create them.

本文中の①はア、②はエ、③はイの内容に合致する。④は Caine が教える という点でウの記述と異なっているため、正解はウ

問4 次のア～オの文を出来事が起こった順番に並べ、記号で答えなさい。

- ア After Nirvan Mullick made a movie, Caine's games became more popular.
- イ A lot of people were waiting to play Caine's games.
- ウ Caine told his father that he wanted to have his own store.
- エ Caine waited for customers to come and play his games.
- オ Nirvan Mullick was very surprised to see that the front of the shop was full of games.

- (1)ウ「Caine は父親に自分の店を持ちたいと言った。」
- (2)エ「Caine はお客さんがやってきて、自分のゲームをするのを待っていた。」
- (3)オ「Nirvan Mullick はお店の前がたくさんゲームでいっぱいであることに驚いた。」
- (4)イ「たくさんの方が Caine のゲームをするために待っていた。」
- (5)ア「Nirvan Mullick が映画を作った後、Caine のゲームはさらに人気が出た。」

選択肢の文を時系列で並べた。(1)から(5)にかかわる文を本文中に下線_____で示してある。