



sold goods like salt, animal skins, gold, and spices.

They traveled to Serai in a place now called Astrakhan. This was the summer home of the Mongol \*ruler \*Barka Khan and his people. When the Polos first met Barka Khan, they gave him their jewels from Constantinople as a present. But the ruler then gave them twice the number of jewels in return!

The brothers, who were now rich, stayed in Serai for a year and traded. They then traveled to the famous Silk Road city of \*Bukhara in modern-day Uzbekistan. More fighting meant that they could not go further, or return home, ②so they worked there as merchants for three years.

By luck they met an \*ambassador in Bukhara who was going to visit the great Mongol ruler of China, \*Kublai Khan. The ambassador agreed to take the two men to China to meet the Khan. In 1264 the Polos arrived at Kublai Khan's \*palace in Khanbaliq, or modern-day \*Beijing. It was now eleven years since they first left Venice.

The Khan liked Niccolo and Maffeo. The brothers traded in China for two years and learned to speak the Mongol language well. But in the end they wanted to return home. Kublai Khan agreed, and he gave the two men a beautiful gold passport. With ③this, they could travel freely in the larger Mongol Empire and always get food and a place to sleep along the road.

In 1269, Niccolo and Maffeo arrived in Venice. But life was now very different. Niccolo's wife was long dead and he had a fifteen-year-old son called Marco.

Perhaps it was difficult for Marco to meet his "new" father and for Niccolo to meet his "new" son — we can only imagine. But Niccolo and Maffeo's return was surely a time for telling stories of the East — stories about the great Mongol Empire and the Silk Road.

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(注) Venice ベネチア (イタリアの都市)      Constantinople コンスタンティノーブル (トルコの昔の都市)  
 merchant 商人      rule of the Mongols モンゴル民族の支配      ruler 支配者  
 Barka Khan ベルケ=ハン      Bukhara ブハラ (ウズベキスタンの都市)      ambassador 大使  
 Kublai Khan クビライ=ハン      palace 宮殿      Beijing 北京

問1 次の(1)～(3)の内容に合う単語をそれぞれ本文中から抜き出さない。

- (1) known by many people in many places
- (2) the brother of your mother or father, or the husband of your aunt
- (3) a white powder found in sea water and in the ground, used especially to add flavor to food

問2 下線部①が指すものとして述べられていないものを1つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

- ア. 兄弟が6年間の商売で得たもの
- イ. コンスタンティノーブルで手に入れたもの
- ウ. ベルケ=ハンに贈り物として渡したもの
- エ. ブハラの戦いで手に入れたもの

問3 下線部②の理由を説明する文になるように、以下の(1)、(2)にそれぞれ適切な日本語を書きなさい。「兄弟は(1)があったためにブハラから進むことも(2)もできなかった。」

問4 下線部③が具体的に指すものを本文中から4語の英語で抜き出さない。

問5 次の出来事を本文の流れに従って正しい順に並べ、記号で答えなさい。

- ア. The brothers met an ambassador in Bukhara.
- イ. The brothers returned to Venice.
- ウ. The brothers left Venice for Constantinople.
- エ. The brothers moved east along the Silk Road.

- 問6 次のア～オの英文のうち、本文の内容に合っているものには T を、合っていないものには F を記入しなさい。
- ア. Marco Polo was the first person to travel to the East.
  - イ. The brothers met an ambassador who was going to visit the Mongol ruler.
  - ウ. Kublai Khan gave the brothers nothing during their stay.
  - エ. Niccolo never saw his wife again after the journey.
  - オ. The brothers' lives were completely the same as they were before their journey.

問7 次の質問に 2語以上の英語 で答えなさい。

Why were the brothers happy when they arrived at last in Constantinople?

問8 次の質問に対する適切な答えをア～エの中から1つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

How long did it take for the brothers to return to Venice since they first left Venice?

- ア. For about 2 years.    イ. For about 5 years.    ウ. For about 11 years.    エ. For about 16 years.

Ⅲ. アメリカ人の *Jane* が日本にホームステイにやってきました。ホストファザーの *Koji*、ホストマザーの *Yuki*、ホストシスターの *Aiko* との対話を読み、各設問に答えなさい。

*Yuki:* I made dinner for everyone. Jane, are you hungry?

*Jane:* Yes! What did you make?

*Yuki:* I made miso soup, rice, grilled fish, and salad. I hope you like it.

*Aiko:* Jane, do you know how to use \*chopsticks?

*Jane:* I've tried before, but I'm not very good at it. Can you teach me?

*Aiko:* Of course! Hold one chopstick like this, and the other like this. Now try to pick up the fish.

*Jane:* Okay... oh no, it's difficult!

*Aiko:* Don't worry, A!

*Jane:* Thank you. I'll keep practicing. Wow, this miso soup is so tasty! What's in it?

*Yuki:* It has tofu, seaweed, and green onions.

*Jane:* I see. Oh, and I've never had fish like this before. It's really good, too!

*Yuki:* I'm glad you like it.

*Koji:* By the way, we are planning to take you to Kyoto. Kyoto has many famous temples and shrines.

*Jane:* That sounds amazing!

*Koji:* We can go by shinkansen, the bullet train.

*Jane:* Wow! It's super fast — everyone knows about it! I can't wait!

**On the way to Kyoto :**

*Jane:* In America, I don't use trains much. I heard Japanese trains are special.

*Yuki:* Yes, many people use them every day.

*Koji:* And they are very on time. Even the shinkansen is almost never late.

*Jane:* Really? In America, trains are often late.

*Aiko:* We also follow train manners. We line up to board and don't talk loudly inside the train.

*Jane:* That's good. In America, people sometimes talk on their phones.

*Yuki:* In Japan, it's not polite. Phones stay on "manner mode."

*Koji:* Also, a team cleans the shinkansen in only seven minutes.

*Jane:* Wow, that's fast! Trains in America aren't always clean.

*Aiko:* Clean trains make travel comfortable.

*Jane:* True. Oh, what's this?

*Yuki:* It's an *ekiben*, a special type of boxed lunch. Do you want to try it?

*Jane:* Yes, please! It looks beautiful. Look! I'm better with the chopsticks now.

*Aiko:* Well done!

*Jane:* Thanks.

**In Kyoto :**

- Koji:* Welcome to Kyoto! This is Kinkaku-ji.
- Jane:* It's so beautiful — better than the pictures!
- Aiko:* Kyoto has many more wonderful places to visit. After Kinkaku-ji, where would you like to go next?
- Jane:* What do you recommend?
- Yuki:* One idea is Kiyomizu-dera. It's on a hill and you can see the whole city from there.
- Jane:* Really? I love city views and traditional temples.
- Koji:* And another place is Fushimi Inari Taisha. It has thousands of red gates, called *torii*.
- Jane:* I've seen photos of that! The long paths look magical. But going there may take a lot of time, right?
- Aiko:* Yes, a few hours. Kiyomizu-dera is easier in a shorter visit.
- Yuki:* And near Kiyomizu-dera there are old streets with shops. We could try some sweets or buy souvenirs.
- Jane:* That sounds lovely! But the red gates sound really nice, too.
- Koji:* It's hard to choose. Kiyomizu-dera gives you history and nice views, and Fushimi Inari Taisha gives you atmosphere and adventure.
- Jane:* Hmm... I think I'd like to go to Kiyomizu-dera today. The view of the city sounds great, and we can look around the city in the evening.
- Aiko:* Great choice! We'll save Fushimi Inari Taisha for tomorrow morning.
- Jane:* Perfect!

(注) chopsticks はし

- 問1 (1) ~ (5) までの英文が本文の内容と一致するように、適切なものを1つずつ選び、記号で答えなさい。
- (1) Jane \_\_\_\_\_.
- ア. has never eaten fish before she comes to Japan
  - イ. has tofu, seaweed, and green onions for salad
  - ウ. is not hungry before dinner
  - エ. likes the dinner made by Yuki
- (2) The Shinkansen is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ア. cleaned by passengers in only a few minutes
  - イ. well-known around the world for its speed
  - ウ. unique because it almost never comes on time
  - エ. called the bullet train because it's not fast
- (3) Aiko teaches Jane how to use chopsticks, \_\_\_\_\_.
- ア. but Jane is already good at using them
  - イ. and Jane uses them very well that night
  - ウ. but it is so hard that Jane gives up practicing using them
  - エ. and Jane is able to use them later on the shinkansen
- (4) Japanese trains are \_\_\_\_\_.
- ア. different from American trains because they are almost always on time
  - イ. similar to American trains because people can eat *ekiben* on trains
  - ウ. different from American trains because people talk loudly on trains
  - エ. similar to American trains because people make their phones quiet
- (5) It is hard for Jane to choose which place to visit after Kinkaku-ji because \_\_\_\_\_.
- ア. Kinkaku-ji looks better in photos than any other temples
  - イ. they can enjoy shopping and sweets near Kiyomizu-dera, but it takes a while to get there
  - ウ. Fushimi Inari Taisha has many red gates which look magical, but it is not interesting enough
  - エ. both Kiyomizu-dera and Fushimi Inari Taisha are attractive in different ways

問2 文中の空所 A に入れるのに最も適切なものを下から選び、記号で答えなさい。

- ア. take the risk
- イ. life won't wait
- ウ. practice makes perfect
- エ. love never dies

問3 以下は4人の会話の内容をまとめたものです。( 1 ) ~ ( 6 ) に当てはまる単語を書きなさい。

Jane eats dinner with Yuki, Aiko, and Koji. She tries miso soup, fish, and salad. She learns how to use ( 1 ). They talk about places to ( 2 ) in Kyoto. On the shinkansen, Jane sees that trains are not ( 3 ), and they are fast and on time. She also eats an *ekiben* on the shinkansen. In Kyoto, they visit Kinkaku-ji. Jane must ( 4 ) between Kiyomizu-dera and Fushimi Inari Taisha. She decides on Kiyomizu-dera for today because of the city ( 5 ). They plan to go to Fushimi Inari Taisha the ( 6 ) day.

IV. 次の日本語に合う英文になるように、( ) 内の語句を並べかえなさい。ただし、文頭にくる単語も小文字になっている。

- (1) 私は友達と同じくらいの本を持っています。  
( as / my / books / have / friend / as / I / many ).
- (2) 両親が私に新しいコンピューターを買ってくれたらいいのに。  
( would / new / my parents / computer / I / buy / for / wish / a ) me.
- (3) 来年留学することがとても楽しみです。  
I ( really / studying / next / to / abroad / forward / am / year / looking ).
- (4) 姉がくれた靴は小さすぎて履けなかった。  
( were / too / the shoes / gave / to / small / my sister / me ) wear.

V. 次は *Emi* が修学旅行の事前学習について英語でレポートを書くために作ったメモです。メモの内容に合うように、4つの英文を書いてレポートを完成させなさい。

- 1. 10月、京都を訪れる予定
- 2. 「源氏物語」に興味を持っている
- 3. 平安時代に紫式部によって書かれたものだ
- 4. 私にとって読むのは難しい

Hello, I'm Emi. I'd like to talk about our school trip.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ *The Tale of Genji*.
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Murasaki Shikibu in the Heian period.
- (4) It \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
I want to learn more about it.

