

問6 次の英文は、中学生のサトシ(Satoshi)が英語の授業でクラスの生徒に向けて行った発表の原稿です。英文を読んで、あとの(ア)~(ウ)の問いに答えなさい。

Hi, I'm Satoshi. Today I'd like to talk about water. The other day, I watched a TV news program and learned that many people in the world have water problems. Getting *clean water is not easy for them. There is a lot of water on the *earth, but we *can't use all of the water. (①) The *amount is still enough for all the people in the world, but people in some countries can't get clean water *because of war, a *lack of rain, or other reasons. I didn't know that water was so important, so I was surprised at the news. Then I studied about water on the Internet.

Now in Japan, we almost always get clean water from the *tap. But even in Japan, we *can *suffer a lack of water. Actually, there was one about 30 years ago. In that year, there wasn't enough rain during the rainy season, so people couldn't use much water in summer. I learned that on the Internet. My parents remember that they didn't swim in the pool at school that summer.

Then I thought we should *save water every day. (②) Saving water is also good for the *environment because some energy is needed to send water to houses.

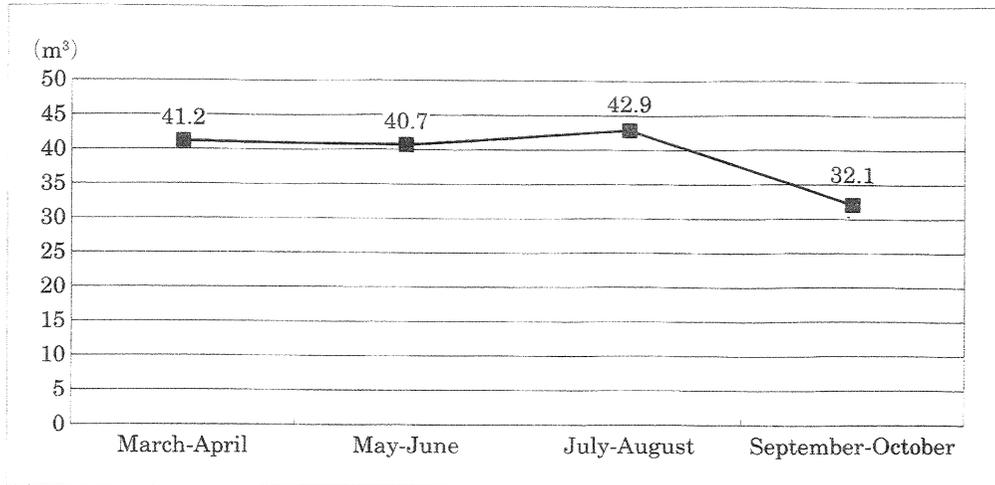
I found several ways of saving water on the Internet, and my parents and I tried three of them. Please look at the *table. It shows the three ways and the amount of *saved water.

About twelve *liters of water *run from the tap or *shower in one minute. We *counted the time when we used water. I *tried using a cup when I *brushed my *teeth. When I *rinsed my mouth after brushing my teeth, I usually didn't use a cup and *left the water running for about 30 *seconds. But, if we use a cup to rinse our mouth and *turn the tap off, we can save some water. Actually, I used about six liters of water to brush my teeth when I left the water running. However, when I used a cup and turned the tap off, I used only about half a liter.

My mother tried *filling the sink with water before washing the dishes. She usually used about 120 liters of water when she washed the dishes. However, she needed about ten liters of water to fill the sink and then about 40 liters to wash the dishes. My father tried saving water when he used the shower. He usually left the shower running when he washed his hair, but he tried using the shower only when he rinsed his hair. He saved about 20 liters of water by doing that.

We were glad to save some water. After that, we continued trying the three ways and some other ways for two months. Please look at the *graph. It shows the amount of *water used at my home.

Graph



We tried saving water in September and October. I think we saved about 10m³ of water in those two months. (③) But by trying to save water, I learned that water is really important to us. I want to continue saving water, and I hope all the people in the world can use this important thing more easily.

- * clean : 清潔な earth : 地球 can't ~ all : すべて~できるわけではない amount : 量
 because of ~ : ~のために lack : 不足 tap : 蛇口 can ~ : ~する可能性がある
 suffer ~ : ~を経験する, こうむる save ~ : ~を節約する environment : 環境
 table : 表 saved water : 節約された水 liter(s) : リットル run : 流れる
 shower : シャワー count ~ : (時間など)を計る try ~ing : ~してみる
 brush ~ : ~をブラシでみがく teeth : tooth(歯)の複数形 rinse ~ : ~をゆすぐ,すすぐ
 leave ~ running : ~を流しっぱなしにする (left は leave の過去形) seconds : 秒
 turn ~ off : ~を止める fill the sink : 流しをいっぱいにする graph : グラフ
 water used at ~ : ~で使われた水

(ア) 本文中の(①)~(③)の中に, 次のA~Cを意味が通るように入れるとき, その組み合わせとして最も適するものを, あとの1~6の中から一つ選び, その番号を答えなさい。

- A. People say that we can use only 0.01% of the water on the earth.
 B. This amount may be very small when we think about water problems in the world.
 C. I think that will be good practice for a lack of water in the future.

1. ①-A ②-B ③-C 2. ①-A ②-C ③-B 3. ①-B ②-A ③-C
 4. ①-B ②-C ③-A 5. ①-C ②-A ③-B 6. ①-C ②-B ③-A

イ) 本文中の——線部を表したものとして最も適するものを、次の1～4の中から一つ選び、その番号を答えなさい。

1. Table

Ways of saving water	Amount of saved water
Use a cup to rinse your mouth after brushing your teeth	about 0.5 liters
Fill the sink with water before washing the dishes	about 70 liters
Use the shower only when you rinse your hair	about 20 liters

2. Table

Ways of saving water	Amount of saved water
Use a cup to rinse your mouth after brushing your teeth	about 0.5 liters
Fill the sink with water before washing the dishes	about 80 liters
Use the shower only when you rinse your hair	about 12 liters

3. Table

Ways of saving water	Amount of saved water
Use a cup to rinse your mouth after brushing your teeth	about 5.5 liters
Fill the sink with water before washing the dishes	about 80 liters
Use the shower only when you rinse your hair	about 20 liters

4. Table

Ways of saving water	Amount of saved water
Use a cup to rinse your mouth after brushing your teeth	about 5.5 liters
Fill the sink with water before washing the dishes	about 70 liters
Use the shower only when you rinse your hair	about 20 liters

(ウ) 次の a～f の中から、サトシの発表の内容に合うものを二つ選んだときの組み合わせとして最も適するものを、あとの 1～8 の中から一つ選び、その番号を答えなさい。

- a. Satoshi was surprised to learn that the amount of water on the earth isn't enough for all the people in the world.
- b. Satoshi found that we can have some water problems even in Japan when he studied about water on the Internet.
- c. Satoshi couldn't swim in the pool at school because it didn't rain much during the rainy season this year.
- d. Satoshi and his mother tried some ways of saving water, but his father couldn't join them because his father was very busy.
- e. The graph shows that Satoshi's family used more water in July and August than in the other *two-month periods. *two-month periods : 2か月の期間
- f. Satoshi saved some water in September and October, but he thinks that he can't continue saving it because it is difficult.

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| 5. b と f | 6. c と e | 7. c と f | 8. d と f |