

ベーシックセンター

英 語

同一状況説明(1)

次の文章は、同一の状況について二人の人物がそれぞれの観点から述べたものである。文章を読み、下の問いの ～ に入れるのに最も適当なものを、それぞれ下の①～④のうちから一つずつ選べ。

A Family Goes to a Summer Festival

Son talking about the festival: I was so excited about the bigger, scaled-up summer festival held in our local park near the river. I'd been looking forward to it, especially eating and playing games with my friends. But my parents wanted me to go with them, since there would be a far larger crowd than ever before. So we decided to go together — my father, mother, older sister and me. My sister had persuaded Mom to buy her a summer kimono for this occasion, a pink one with silver stripes, which I thought was too showy. When we got to the park, we went through the line of food and game stalls first. My mom wanted me to try scooping goldfish with her, but I refused because it looked too childish. Anyway, I suppose I got too excited and started to rush. My dad got angry because I kept getting too far ahead. I remember going into a game stall and playing pinball. I don't know how long it was, but when I came out, my family was nowhere in sight.

I remembered my parents had said that we were going to see the fireworks, so I started walking toward the river bank where they were being held. It was crowded, so it took me a long time to get there. When I finally made it, it was clear that I wouldn't be able to find my family. The only thing I could think to do then was to go to the emergency office set up near the children's playground and ask for help. I started to head in that direction, and I spotted my sister! Actually, I spotted the shiny kimono she was wearing. I ran up to her, yelling her name. We got to see part of the fireworks and then Mom came walking up. She looked pretty upset, but I didn't understand why. I didn't think the situation was so serious. I mean, I'm not a child and I know the way back home.

Mother talking about the festival: We took our children to the summer festival because this was our town’s first attempt to add fireworks to the regular summer festival. I thought this would be a good memory for my family. My husband and I warned both our son, Sota, and his sister to stay with us because there were so many people. Right after we got to the festival, I saw people scooping goldfish — it brought back fond memories of my childhood. So I asked Sota to join me and give it a try. He, however, shied away, saying, “I’d rather play other games.”

It seemed that Sota got separated from us somewhere in the crowd around the street vendors. I was afraid that he had gone to see the dancers perform, even though we had told him not to go over there. In the meantime, the fireworks started, but I doubted he would remember that we had planned to see them. We went to the river bank, and I asked my husband and daughter to stay near a vending machine in the playground while I looked around for Sota. I walked all around the park, but didn’t see him anywhere. I was starting to get really worried and I thought of going to the emergency office. When I went back to get my husband and daughter, I was surprised to find Sota enjoying fireworks with them from the playground. Yes, he was lucky to find us, but I was so exhausted and felt disappointed with Sota for his thoughtless behavior. I never had a chance to enjoy any part of the festival.

問1 Sota wanted to go to the festival so that he could .

- ① create a family memory
- ② enjoy games and foods
- ③ meet new friends there
- ④ see the special fireworks

問2 Sota’s mother wanted to go to the festival because .

- ① she thought the festival would be something to remember
- ② she wanted her daughter to try her new kimono
- ③ she wanted to participate in the festival dancing
- ④ the festival hadn’t been held recently

問3 Sota found his father and sister by .

- ① inquiring around the children’s playground
- ② noticing the colorful clothing of his sister
- ③ recognizing his father yelling out his name
- ④ walking around the game stalls

問4 Which statement is true about this family's visit to the summer festival?

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- ① Both Sota and his parents reported to the emergency office.
- ② Sota's mother thought that Sota had gone home by himself.
- ③ Sota was surprised by his mother's reaction to his behavior.
- ④ The festival was enjoyed by all the family in different ways.

問5 Which picture best represents the routes that Sota and his mother took through the park?

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game and food stalls

emergency office

dance performance site

Sota's route —————

Mother's route - - - - -