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- 1 次の文章は、アフリカの太鼓 (drum) に関するものです。これをよく読んで、後の問いに答えなさい。

Drums have played a big part in the music of people all over the world. But in many parts of Africa, drums have had a more important (1).

For many years, parts of Africa had few good roads. There were few telephones and TVs and there was no e-mail. Then, how did people send messages to each other? How did they get their news? They used drums!

These drums are called “talking drums.” They are used by the Yoruba people of Nigeria. These drums are not able to talk in English, (2) they can talk in Yoruba and some other languages.

In English you say “Hello!” or “How are you?” You just say the words any way you like. But you can’t do that in Yoruba. You must be (3) how you say each word. This is because the same word may have two or more meanings. The meaning depends on how (4) your voice is as you say the word.

When people speak Yoruba, their voices go up and down. They sound like they are singing, but of course they don’t really sing. They are talking.

After years of (5) a drum player can “talk” on a drum because he hits the drum in different ways to make high or low notes. The notes and rhythm of the drum then match the sounds of the language. Like this, the Yoruba people can understand every word that the drum “(6).”

(注) Yoruba ヨルバ族 (の), ヨルバ語 Nigeria ナイジェリア

depend on ~ ~によって決まる voice 声 note 音調 rhythm リズム

match ~ ~に合う

問1 本文中の(1)~(6)に入れるのに適切なものを、それぞれア~エの中から一つずつ選びなさい。(1)() (2)() (3)() (4)() (5)() (6)()

(1) ア dream イ job ウ care エ plan

(2) ア so イ then ウ but エ and

(3) ア afraid イ excited ウ favorite エ careful

(4) ア low or high イ short or long ウ little or much エ difficult or easy

(5) ア war イ peace ウ harvest エ practice

(6) ア listens イ listened ウ speaks エ spoken

問2 次の1と2が説明しているものを、本文中の下線ア~カからそれぞれ一つずつ選びなさい。

1 a system of communication by written or spoken words ()

2 information about something that happened a short time ago ()