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1 次の英文を読んで、あとの問いに答えなさい。

One night Taija was working on a computer alone in a university library. She was doing *research on the Internet. Suddenly she felt ill. She was *dizzy and hot. She had a lot of pain. She couldn't move her legs, and she couldn't get to the telephone to call for help. No one was in the library to help her. What could she do? Who would help?

At the same time, in Texas, Sean came home from school and sat down at his computer. He started the Internet and entered his favorite chat room. In that place, people from all over the world can have *conversation on the computer at the same time. While Sean was reading the conversations in the chat room, he saw an unusual message: "WOULD SOMEONE HELP ME?"

Sean was surprised. At first, he thought it was a joke. *Capital letters in chat rooms and email usually mean someone is shouting. Sean knew that he couldn't believe everything he read on the Internet, but then he saw another strange message: "I CAN'T *BREATHE. HELP ME!" Sean was worried. The other people in the chat room were not paying attention to her. "Is she playing a joke?" Sean asked himself. He typed, "Is this a game? Can you call 911?"

Sean asked more questions. Soon he learned that it was true! A girl named Taija was sick and needed help. "Where are you?" he asked. The girl answered, "Finland." Sean was shocked because Texas is so far from Finland!

Sean called to his mother. He told his mom about Taija. Sean and his mother wanted to help the girl, so they called the *sheriff's department in Texas. Sean gave the sheriff's department Taija's telephone and address in Finland. Next, the sheriff's department called an international *operator. Then the international operator called *emergency services in Finland. The operator gave them Taija's address. Sean and his mother stayed on the computer for almost two hours with Taija and waited for help to arrive.

Finally, *paramedics arrived to help Taija. They looked for her in the library. The library was closed and dark. She could hear the paramedics running in the halls. They were looking for her, but she couldn't call out to them because she was very weak. It was a long time before they found her.

Later, the sheriff's department in Texas received a message about Taija. She was at the hospital, and she wanted to say thank you to Sean. Sean was very happy to hear the news. He felt like [A].

注) research : 調査 (する) dizzy : めまいがする conversation : 会話

capital letters : 大文字 breathe : 呼吸する sheriff's department : 保安官事務所

operator : オペレーター emergency services : 救急サービス paramedics : 救急隊員

問い 次の各文の に入れるのに、最も適当なものをそれぞれ下から選び、記号で答えなさい。

1. Taija was in a university library one night because .

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- ア. she was researching her illness
イ. she was looking for something on the Internet
ウ. she was trying to call for help
2. When Sean saw the message “WOULD SOMEONE HELP ME?” in the chat room, .
- ア. soon he decided to help Taija
イ. he called 911 at once
ウ. at first he thought it was just a joke
3. When Sean saw another strange message “I CAN’T BREATHE. HELP ME!” .
- ア. he was wondering if Taija was really sick
イ. the other people in the chat room were trying to help Taija
ウ. he thought that it was just a game, so he didn’t believe this message
4. After Sean found Taija wasn’t joking, .
- ア. he called the sheriff’s department to know her address in Finland
イ. he said to emergency services in Finland, “Help her”
ウ. he and his mother chatted with Taija on the computer until she was helped
5. When the paramedics arrived at the library, .
- ア. they could not look for Taija
イ. Taija could hear them running, so she called out
ウ. it was closed and dark, so they couldn’t find Taija easily
6. The best words for [A] are .
- ア. a hero イ. a doctor ウ. a sheriff エ. an operator