

1 次の英文は、日本に滞在しているイギリス人のブラウン先生 (Mr. Brown) が、授業で話している場面の一部です。これを読んで、あとの問いに答えなさい。 [5070204]

Last week I went shopping to get a *yukata for my sister's birthday present. She always wanted me to send something Japanese.

I went to some *kimono shops, but I could not find any *yukatas. At the last shop, I asked a *clerk about it. "We are very sorry, but we do not have any yukatas because it is October now. A yukata is for summer." It was new to me. Then, she showed me many different things in the shop. But I don't want them. So I said to her, "Please give me an idea about a popular birthday present for your friend in Japan." She gave me some ideas.

When I was going *out of the shop, the clerk called me. I looked at her and she had something in her hands. She said, "This is the yukata I bought for my mother, but I want to give this to you for your sister." I was very surprised and said, "Thank you, but it is too much for me." The clerk said, "When I was a high school student, I stayed in Australia. The people there were very kind to me. So, I want to help you now. I hope you will help someone *in return. Please do not stop this *chain of *kindness." "Thank you very much for the wonderful present and the words." I left the shop and asked *myself, "How can you show kindness to the people around you?"

(注) yukata ゆかた kimono 着物 yukatas yukata (ゆかた) の複数形 clerk 店員 out of ~ から in return お返しに chain 鎖 (くさり) kindness 親切 myself 自分自身

(1) ブラウン先生の話している内容に合っているものを、次の1～5の中から二つ選んで、その番号を書きなさい。

- 1 店員にいろいろな商品を見せてもらったブラウン先生は、どれを選んだらよいか迷った。
- 2 ブラウン先生は、ゆかたが夏用の衣料品だとは知らなかった。
- 3 店員は、ブラウン先生の姉にゆかたを買っておいた。
- 4 店員は、親切のきずなが続くことを願っていた。
- 5 店員は、ブラウン先生のおかげで留学することができたので、お礼をしたいと思った。

(2) ブラウン先生の話している内容について、次の1～3の質問にそれぞれ一つの英文で答えなさい。

- 1 Why did Mr. Brown want a yukata for his sister's birthday present?
- 2 Why was Mr. Brown very surprised?
- 3 Why did the clerk say "So, I want to help you now"?

(3) ブラウン先生から、次の1, 2のように話しかけられたとき、あなたなら何と答えますか。それぞれ一つの英文で書きなさい。

- 1 Please give me an idea about a popular birthday present for your friend in Japan.
- 2 How can you show kindness to the people around you?

解答はこちら↓



【解答】

(1) 2,4

(2)[解答例]

1. Because she had wanted something Japanese.
2. Because she said she wanted to give him her yukata.
3. Because the people in Australia were very kind to her.

(3)[解答例]

1. Flowers are popular as birthday presents.
2. I can give my seat to old people on the bus.