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Lucy was a junior high school student in a small town. She was fifteen years old. She lived with Father, Mother, Tom and Jane. Tom was her older brother and Jane was her younger sister. There was a big old *bench in the yard of their house. Father and Mother liked to sit on the bench and talk to each other.

One day in winter, Tom was going to go to the library. When he *started his car, it *hit the bench. The bench was broken. Father and Mother ran into the yard. Mother said to Tom, “Are you all right, Tom?” “Yes, but the bench was...,” he answered. She said, “It’s OK. You’re all right. ①That is the most important thing to your father and me.” Then Lucy and Jane came to the yard. Father said to his children, “We must *repair the bench. Tomorrow is Saturday, so please help me.” Tom looked down. “I can’t help you.” “Why?” asked Father. “I’m going to visit Sam,” said Tom. Jane said in a small *voice, “I’m going to play tennis with Alice. [②]” Father *turned to Lucy. “I don’t have any plans, but...,” she answered. “All right,” said Father. “I will repair it.” Father looked very sad and went into the house.

Lucy, Tom and Jane didn’t know what to do. “Listen,” said Mother. “You know your father made this bench, don’t you?” She said to Tom, “Do you know ③why he made it? When you were little, you liked to sit on a big bench in the park. So you asked your father to make a bench in our yard. It was not easy for him, but *at last he finished making it.” Then she said to Lucy, “When you were little, you often sang a song on the bench. We liked your song very much.” Then she went into the house and came back. She said to Jane, “Look. We took this picture when you were born. In this picture, all of us are sitting on the bench. We were very happy to have ④our new family member.” She said to her children, “Now all of you have *grown up and we can’t sit on this bench together. But this bench has seen us for a long time.” Lucy, Tom and Jane couldn’t look at Mother.

The next morning, Father and Mother heard their children’s voices from the yard. Father and Mother were still in bed. They got up and went into the yard. Father was very surprised and said, “What are you doing?” The children were repairing the bench. Lucy said to Father, “Mother told us the story of the bench. We will *take good care of the bench. [⑤]” Lucy, Tom and Jane *continued the work. Father and Mother smiled at each other. It was cold, but they felt warm.

(注) *bench ベンチ *started～ ～を始動させた *hit～ ～にぶつかった
*repair～ ～を修理する *voice 声 *turned to～ ～の方を向いた *at last ついに
*grown up 成長した *take good care of～ ～を大切にすること *continued～ ～を続けた

(1) 下線部①は、具体的にはどのようなことか。日本語で書きなさい。

(2) [②]に入れるのに最も適当な英文1文を本文中から抜き出して書きなさい。

(3) 下線部③について、その理由を日本語で書きなさい。

(4) 下線部④が表しているものは何か。最も適当なものをア～エから1つ選び、その符号を書きなさい。

ア the yard イ the bench ウ Lucy エ Jane

(5) ⑤ に入れるのに最も適当なものをア～エから1つ選び、その符号を書きなさい。

ア We want it to be with us. イ We will make a bigger one.

ウ We will buy a new one. エ We want to know how to use it.

(6) 本文の内容と一致する最も適当なものをア～エから1つ選び、その符号を書きなさい。

ア Father looked very sad because the bench in the park was broken by Tom.

イ Father was surprised because Mother told their children the story of the bench.

ウ Lucy's parents felt happy because their children made another bench for them.

エ Lucy's parents felt warm because their children understood Mother's story.