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Mark was a car \*mechanic. He had a problem with his job. He didn't enjoy his job, because he \*was tired of doing the same things every day.

One day Mark got a letter from Japan. It was a letter from Ken. Mark thought, "I stayed in Japan for a month when I was fifteen. Ken was one of my friends. I haven't heard from him for ten years since then. What has happened?"

Dear Mark,

Hello, this is Ken. Do you remember me? I am giving you another letter and a picture. The letter was written to you by yourself ten years ago. Do you remember Jiro, Keiko, you and I wrote letters to \*ourselves to read ten years later? Last week the three of us enjoyed reading them. We talked about you and decided to send your letter and our picture to you.

Now I want to write to you about us. I teach English in a high school. Thanks to you, I became very interested in English and studied it hard to be a teacher. I like teaching English. Jiro works as a barber. He enjoys talking with people while he is working. Keiko is a nurse. She says that her job is hard but a lot of fun. I hope you will write me Soon.

Your friend,

Ken

Mark saw the picture. His friends looked very happy. "They enjoy their jobs," Mark thought. He was glad to read the letter and see the picture, but he felt a little sad. "If someone takes my picture now, how do I look?" Mark asked \*himself.

Then Mark read the other letter.

Dear Mark,

Hi! How's everything? Did you \*realize your dream? Of course you did. I'm sure you are working as a car mechanic. You must be great at your job, and can \*repair all \*types of cars. You must know about the \*engines of all the nice and new cars. What types of cars are popular now?

Mark

"When I started my job, I had to learn many things. For example, I needed to know about new \*technologies. It was very difficult to repair cars well," Mark thought. Soon Mark found that he was doing his favorite job. "Now I remember something important. People's smiling faces made

me happy when I finished repairing their cars. I \*was proud of my job,” he thought. He remembered he liked his job. He thanked Ken for sending the nice presents.

注：mechanic 整備士 was tired of ～ ～に飽きていた ourselves 私たち自身 himself 彼自身 realize ～ ～を実現する repair ～ ～を修理する types 型 engines エンジン technologies 科学技術 was proud of ～ ～を誇りに思っていた

(1) 本文の内容に合うように,次の [ A ] と [ B ] に入る最も適当な英語をそれぞれ書きなさい。数字も英語で書きなさい。

When Mark was [ A ] years old, he got a letter from Ken for the [ B ] time after his stay in Japan.

(2) Jiro と Keiko はそれぞれどのような仕事をしている人ですか。ア～エの中から一つずつ選びなさい。

ア a person who cuts men's hair

イ a person who repairs cars

ウ a person who gives classes to students

エ a person who takes care of sick or injured people

(3) 下線部について,Mark がそのように感じたのはなぜですか。その理由を 35 字程度の日本語でまとめなさい。

(4) 本文の内容に合っているものを,ア～エの中から一つ選びなさい。

ア Mark remembered who Ken was because Mark saw the picture of Ken, Jiro and Keiko.

イ Mark's dream was to be a great car mechanic when he wrote a letter to himself in Japan.

ウ Mark wanted to know about new technologies in cars by studying them in Japan.

エ Thanks to the letters from Ken, Mark could know what types of cars were popular in Japan.

(5) 次の Question に英語で答えなさい。ただし答えは Answer の後の英語に続けて書きなさい。

Question : Why did Mark feel happy after repairing cars?

Answer : Because he \_\_\_\_\_