

1 次の文章は、アイリーン (Irene) と父ケン (Ken), 母ジェーン (Jane) の物語です。これを読んで、あとの問いに答えなさい。 [5070309]

Little Irene liked singing and dancing. She always sang and danced in front of her parents. They enjoyed it very much. One day Ken asked Irene, "What do you want to be in the future*?" She answered, "I want to be a musical* actress*."

Ken and Jane were working in a small factory*. Their life was very hard, but Irene's smiles, songs and dances* gave them [①] evenings.

Years passed. One day Irene said to Jane, "When I finish high school, I want to go to New York. I want to study singing and dancing and to be an actress." Jane answered, "I don't like your idea. It is very difficult to become an actress."

One year later Irene finished high school. She didn't change ②her plan . She said to her parents, "I'll go to New York." Ken said to her, "Be a great actress," but Jane said nothing. When Irene left their town, Jane just cried.

Four years passed. Irene couldn't get any roles* on the stage*. About that time, Irene's friend told her some sad news. Jane was seriously injured* in the factory and sent to the hospital. Irene called Ken soon and said to him, "I worry about Mom. I want to take care of* her. And... To be an actress will be difficult for me. What should I do? ③Is it better for me to go back home? "

Her father answered, "Listen to me, Irene. Jane didn't say this to you before, but... she also wanted to be an actress when she was young. She practiced singing and dancing very hard. I liked watching her."

※ Irene was surprised and couldn't say anything. Ken said, "But she couldn't get any roles on the stage. She gave up* her dream. She was very sad, and I was sad, too. She knows it's difficult to be an actress. But now Jane wants you to be a great actress. So your [④] is also our [④]." A little time later, Irene cried and said, "I'll never give up." ※

One month passed and at last* she got a small role on the stage! She was very happy. She got two tickets and sent them to Ken and Jane. She wanted them to come, but she thought, "They will not come. Mom is still in the hospital."

The opening day came. The musical started. She began to dance on the stage. Suddenly she found a woman in a wheelchair* and a man with her. They were Jane and Ken. Irene was surprised and tears* came into her eyes.

⑤Ken thought Irene looked like Jane . He remembered Jane's younger days. Jane was singing and dancing in his mind *. Ken said to Jane, "Now Irene is a great actress!" Jane only said, "She is wonderful." It became difficult for Jane to look at Irene because tears were in her eyes, too.

future 将来 musical ミュージカル actress 女優 factory 工場 dances ダンス role(s) 役
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(1) 文中の[①]に入る最も適切な英語を、次のア～エのうちから一つ選び、その記号を書きなさい。

ア sad イ happy ウ poor エ busy

(2) 文中の下線部②her plan の内容を説明しているものとして最も適切なものを、次のア～エのうちから一つ選び、その記号を書きなさい。

ア to work in her father's factory in her town
イ to leave the town to see musicals in New York
ウ to take care of her mother in the hospital in her town
エ to study singing and dancing in New York and to be an actress

(3) 文中の下線部③Is it better for me to go back home? について、このときアイリーンの心の中には、母を看病したいという気持ちの他にどのような気持ちがありましたか。次のア～エのうちから最も適切なものを一つ選び、その記号を書きなさい。

ア 女優になることを完全にあきらめている気持ち
イ 女優になることがつまらなくなっている気持ち
ウ 女優になることに自信を失いかけている気持ち
エ 女優になることができると確信している気持ち

(4) 文中の[④]には2か所とも同じ英語が入ります。これらに共通して入る最も適切な英語を、同じ段落(※から※で示した範囲)から1語抜き出して書きなさい。

(5) 文中の下線部⑤Ken thought Irene looked like Jane について、Ken はなぜこのように思ったのですか。その理由を述べている次の文の[]に適切な日本語を入れて、文を完成させなさい。

舞台上のアイリーンの姿が、ジェーンが [] 姿と重なって見えたので。

解答はこちら

