Tom: Yesterday at my Japanese family's house, we had Mamemaki. We shouted, "Fuku wa uchi! Oni wa soto!" and threw *beans.

Mr. Yokota: Did you enjoy it?

Tom: Yes, I did. What does "Fuku wa uchi! Oni wa soto!" mean?

Mr. Yokota: Well, we hope good *luck comes in and bad luck goes out by throwing beans. Oni was like a *monster in old Japanese stories. Now it means bad luck.

Tom: Oh, I see. We have a monster in our old stories, too. After we threw the beans, we ate them.  My Japanese father (to / me / eat / told ) sixteen beans. Why did he say that?

Mr. Yokota: An old story says that you will be fine all year if you eat *the same number of beans as your *age during Mamemaki.

Tom: Good luck beans for me! ( ) did Mamemaki begin in Japan, Mr. Yokota?

Mr. Yokota: I hear it began about six hundred years ago.

Tom: It has a long *history, doesn't it? Do you have Mamemaki on the same day every year?

Mr. Yokota: We have Mamemaki on the day of Setsubun. Setsubun is the day before Risshun. Risshun means the first day of spring. It is on February fourth this year. Do you have a day for the *beginning of spring in your country, too, Tom?

Tom: We have *Easter in spring. It is one of the most important *festivals to us. We feel spring has come when we eat *Easter eggs.

*(注) bean(s) 豆 luck 運 monster 怪物, 鬼 the same as in English, age 年齢 history 歴史 beginning 始まり Easter イースター(復活祭) festival(s) 祭り Easter egg(s) イースターのときに食べる卵, イースターの卵は生命と再生のシンボル
(1) 下線部が意味の通る英文になるように，( )に示された4語を正しく並べかえなさい。

(2) の( )に入る最も適切な英語を1語書きなさい。

(3) 本文の内容について，次の(a)〜(c)の各問いに対する答えの文になるように，( )に1語ずつ英語や数字を書きなさい。

(a) Did Tom enjoy Mamemaki at his Japanese family's house yesterday?

(b) How old is Tom?

(c) When did Tom have Mamemaki this year?

(4) 次のア〜オの中から，本文の内容と合っているものを2つ選び，記号を書きなさい。
ア Mr. Yokota threw beans and ate them with Tom yesterday.
イ Tom was very happy to throw beans at school.
ウ Mamemaki began about six hundred years ago in Japan.
エ Tom is happy because he ate sixteen good luck beans during Mamemaki.
オ Tom feels summer has come when he eats Easter eggs.

(5) あなたの家庭や地域で行われている行事や祭り（ひな祭り，七夕，お盆，七五三，初もうでなど）について，体験したことや知っていることを2行程度の英語で書きなさい。ただし，「豆まき」については書かないこと。
【解答】
(1) told me to eat
(2) When
(3) (a) Yes he did
       (b) sixteen years old または 16 years old
       (c) February third または February three または February 3
(4) ウエ
(5) （例）We have Oshougatsu in January. We have omochi. Children are given Otoshidama during Oshougatsu.