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第 四 問 幸平と留学生のマイクが、徳島県のある町での取り組みについて次のような会話をしています。この英文を読んで、あとの1～7の問いに答えなさい。

Mike: Today, we learned about depopulation at school. The same thing is happening in this town, right?

Kohei: Yes. Young people go to cities and old people stay in towns. Last week, my father told me an interesting story about depopulation in *Shikoku*. It was from a book ① [ write ] by Mr. Yokoishi.

Mike: Who is he?

Kohei: He is a farm leader in a town in *Tokushima-ken*. He has done that job ( ② ) he left college. He was worried about depopulation in his town and wanted old people to have a happy life. One day, he had a good idea.

Mike: What was that?

Kohei: Mr. Yokoishi went to a Japanese restaurant to have dinner with his friends. He looked at the leaves which were put on the plates with food. He thought there were a lot of leaves in the mountains of his town. Suddenly he had a great idea. He  The cook said that he always went into the mountains to get them, but he  Then Mr. Yokoishi thought it would be easy for the old people in his town to find leaves, because they  And he thought they could sell leaves to Japanese restaurants.

Mike: I see. His idea was to sell leaves. Why are leaves put on the plates with food?

Kohei: Because food looks more beautiful when we see it with leaves.

Mike: So Japanese restaurants need them.

Kohei: Yes. ③ And then, (彼は老人たちに彼の考えを話しました).

At first, they didn't think they could sell leaves.

But some of them thought ④ it would be good to stay healthy by walking around the mountains to find beautiful leaves. So they decided to sell leaves with Mr. Yokoishi. And, they were taught how to use computers by him. Now, they can take orders from all over Japan through the Internet.

Mike: That's great! Are the old people in the town happier now?

Kohei: Yes. And they stay healthy, too. Old people know many things that young people don't know, and young people know new things that old people don't know. Old people's knowledge and young people's ideas can make towns more cheerful.



<注> depopulation 過疎化 Mr. Yokoishi 横石知二氏 (営農指導員) leader 指導者  
done<do left college<leave college 大学を卒業する leaves<leaf 葉  
plates<plate 皿 cook 料理人 at first 最初は  
stay healthy 健康を維持する take orders 注文を受ける knowledge 知識  
cheerful 快活な

1 下線部①の [       ] 内の語を適切な形に直しなさい。

2 本文中の ( ② ) に入る最も適切な語を、次のア～エから1つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

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3 本文中の  ,  ,  にそれぞれ次の a～c の文を入れるとき、その順番として最も適切なものを、あとのア～カから1つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

a couldn't find many beautiful leaves.

b knew a lot about the mountains and many kinds of leaves.

c asked a cook how he got the leaves.

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カ c - b - a

4 下線部③の (       ) 内の日本語を、英語に直しなさい。

5 下線部④の it の示す内容を、具体的に日本語で書きなさい。

6 次の(1)、(2)の質問に対する答えを、本文の内容に合うように英語で書きなさい。

(1) Why do cooks in Japanese restaurants put leaves on the plates with food?

(2) How do the old people in the town take orders for leaves?

7 次の英文は、マイクが書いたその日の日記です。  に入る内容を自由に考え、3文程度の英語を書きなさい。

Today I learned about depopulation in Japan at school. I heard an interesting story from *Kohei*.

In a town in Japan, the old people walk around the mountains to find beautiful leaves and sell them to Japanese restaurants. By doing this, they get money and stay healthy. So the town is very cheerful. I thought it was great.

Mr. Yokoishi had a good idea to help old people, but I want to do something for young people. For example,