Green: Today we are going to talk about “Teamwork.” It’s a necessary idea to make a team better, right? Now, let’s share many ideas to make good teamwork. You are in many different groups. Which groups are you in?

Rika: At school, of course, I’m a member of my class. Also, I’m in my club.

Green: Thank you, Rika. Everyone, do you have any ideas to make your group better? Emi, you are a member of the student council, so please tell us about your experience and ideas.

Emi: Sure. As a member of the student council, I am always thinking of plans to make our school better. But I can’t do so just by myself. It is also necessary for other students to do something to make the school better.

Akira: That’s right. For example, the student council members say to us, “Good morning”, in a big voice every morning. I sometimes feel sad when some students don’t say anything. Some of the students don’t do things they can do. Other students should work with the student council to make the school better.

Rika: I see. Teamwork is also important in school events. Do you remember the teamwork of our class was great.

Green: You have good memories of your friends in the class. OK. Now, how about “Teamwork” in club activities? Akira, you are the captain of the volleyball club, right?

Akira: Yes. At first, we couldn’t win games. I thought we had to share our team goal. So, we had meetings many times and told our ideas to each other. After that, each member began to practice much harder and tried to do something for the team. Then we began to win games.

Saori: Something for the team .... I don’t understand what that is very well. I am a member of the ski club and don’t have many chances to do something for the team. To me, it is more important for each member to practice by herself to be a better skier.

Hiroki: Maybe so, but it is really important for team sports. I often watch basketball games on TV. Even when one great player in a team plays basketball very well, the team can’t win. All the members have to do their best in their positions. I don’t think all the members need to be “No.1 players.” It is important to do things that each member can do for the team.

Saori: Oh, I see .... I’d like to know more about that. Has anyone else played a team sport?

Kazuya: I think it is important for us to think about other members and help each other. I couldn’t play soccer in the last game in my junior high school days. But I always encouraged my teammates and helped them. So, I could work for my team until the
last day. Helping each other is very important when we play sports.

Ryota: I agree with you. I am a catcher on my baseball team. A catcher’s job is not only catching a ball. When I play as a catcher, I am the only one who can always look at all the other players on the ground.

Kazuya: Oh, I see .... So, when one of the teammates can’t catch a ball, you can quickly encourage him. It’s a very important job, you think, right?

Ryota: Of course, yes! That’s another job as a catcher.

Saori: Thank you, Kazuya and Ryota. Now I know something important about teamwork.

Green: You have learned important things from your experiences. Each of you should find out something to do for your team. I want you to try to work together with other members of your groups in high school, too.

[注] student council 生徒会 activity 活動 captain 主将 skier スキー選手 position ポジション teammate チームメート catcher 捕手

問1 下線部①は、ここでは具体的にどういうことを表していますか。ア～エから1つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

ア helping teachers and other members of the school council is important

イ it is really easy to build a good school alone

ウ we can make a clean school with other students

エ we need to work with all the other students for a better school

問2 下線部②について、その具体的な内容を次のように書き表すとすれば、下線部にどのような英語が入りますか。2語以上の英語で書きなさい。

If one of his teammates makes a mistake, Ryota will say to him, for example, “________” in a big voice.

問3 本文の内容と合うものをア～オから2つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

ア Akira’s team began to win because they shared their team goal and practiced hard.

イ Hiroki’s basketball team has to collect the best players for the best team.

ウ Kazuya could play soccer and help his teammates in all the games.

エ Saori understands teamwork very well because she practices by herself to be a good skier.

オ When Akira sees students who say nothing to the student council members, it makes him sad.

問4 について、あなたが里佳(Rika)なら何と言いますか。4文以上のまとまりのある英文で書きなさい。なお、具体例を1つあげ。Do you rememberに続けて書きなさい。

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Do you know Midori Goto? She is a famous violinist who is known as “Midori” all over the world. A lot of people are moved by her music. Playing the violin is not her only job. She does social activities at places like schools, hospitals and homes for children. She started “Midori & Friends,” an NPO, in 1992. Through this program, she holds concerts and teaches children music.

She does this in Japan, America and developing countries.

Midori was born in Osaka in 1971. When she was 3 years old, she was given a violin. Since then Midori’s mother started to teach her how to play the violin. Midori's mother was a violinist. Midori’s skill was so great that her mother decided to move to America with her. She wanted Midori to be a better violinist.

Midori played in a world-famous orchestra when she was only 14 years old. While she was playing, one of her violin strings broke. But she quickly borrowed a violin from another violinist in the orchestra and continued playing. Then soon after that, a string broke again. Strings sometimes break, but it doesn’t usually happen twice in the same concert. Everyone at the concert thought that she would stop playing. However, she kept playing by borrowing a violin from another player again. All the people were very surprised and deeply moved. The next day she was introduced as a gifted violinist by a famous newspaper. This story was written in a textbook for elementary schools in America.

In the 1980s, the American government decided to reduce money for music education. Midori thought that losing chances to listen to or play music would not be good for children. She really felt that she had to find a solution. In an interview, she said, “Becoming a great violinist is not my goal. I always think about how to use the things I have. I want to give great experiences to my community and to do something for the people there.” She really wanted to share music with children. So, she decided to start her social activities through music. She believes in the power of music. She is sure that music can give people a great chance to have communication with more people. Also, she is sure that people will come to understand each other through music.

In 2007, the U.N. chose her as one of its Peace Messengers. She helps people around the world, especially with the education in developing countries. In those countries, she tries to open their eyes to a better future by sharing music with children. Through her efforts, her ideas and social activities are spreading all over the world. She hopes that many people will become interested in the activities of the U.N.

Here is a message from her to people in Japan. “It is not easy to keep thinking about the things you can do in your community. But I want you to believe in yourself and do your best.”

Question 1: How does Midori & Friends contribute to music education in developing countries?
Playing the violin at many concerts is Midori's only activity.

Midori started to learn the violin when she was a 3-year-old child.

The strings of the violin always break during concerts.

It was important for Midori to reduce money for music education.

Midori wants many people to know about the activities of the U.N.

I learned that the (①) in her life is not only getting a job. The important thing is to keep (②) about what to do in the community. In the future I'm going to find what I can do and do something useful for people.

Deepa: Yesterday I watched bad news on TV. Technology will do many kinds of jobs instead of humans in the future.

Ichiro: It sounds good, doesn't it? Why is it bad?

Deepa: Because technology may take people's jobs away in the future. I'm very worried.

Ichiro: I understand your feelings. But there are good points about technology.

Deepa: I see. I'm glad to hear your opinion. Technology can help us a lot.