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生物学者の Rachel Carson (レイチェル・カーソン) は環境問題を訴^{うった}えたことで知られている。その人物の幼少期についての次の英文を読み、後の設問に答えなさい。

Rachel and her dog, Candy, spent a lot of time exploring the land that surrounded their home. The woods and fields were full of all kinds of plants, animals, and insects, and Rachel was fascinated by all of them. Rachel's brother and sister were much older, so Rachel spent a lot of time alone. But she didn't mind, as she considered all the *creatures her friends. She watched birds making their nests, butterflies *flitting through the grass, and fish swimming in the streams. 【 あ 】

Although the *rushing water of the streams made Rachel happy, her biggest dream was to see the ocean. Rachel's mother had a *conch shell, and Rachel loved holding it to her ear. 【 い 】

Rachel's mother was an *avid bird-watcher. She also believed it was important for young people to study nature. *Mrs. Carson taught Rachel that people must share the world with other creatures and *be respectful of them. She would watch as her mother carried insects out of the house. Rachel's mother didn't even own a *flyswatter! 【 う 】

Rachel and her mother would take long walks in the fields and woods. When Rachel had questions about the things they saw, her mother would answer them. If she wasn't able to answer Rachel's question, she would show Rachel how to find the answer in books about science and nature. 【 え 】

*fascinated	夢中になる	*creatures	生き物
*flitting	ひらひら飛ぶ	*rushing	勢いよく流れる
*conch	巻き貝	*avid	熱心な
*Mrs. Carson	Rachel の母親	*be respectful of	～を尊重する
*flyswatter	はえたたき		

Fabiny, S., & Who HQ. (2014). *Who was Rachel Carson?* Penguin Young Readers Group.

1. 本文の内容に合うように、次の英文の空らんに入る語句を下の からそれぞれ選び、記号で答えなさい。

Rachel's mother likes watching (**A**). She thought young people should study (**B**). Her mother told Rachel to show (**C**) to other creatures and treat them kindly. Her mother was so friendly to them that she carried (**D**) out of the house.

ア respect	イ fish	ウ nature
エ insects	オ birds	カ communication

2. 本文の内容に合う説明文になるように、それぞれの空らんに入る言葉を与えられた字数で書きなさい。

レイチェル・カーソンの幼少期

家の周りの森や野原をひとりで探検することが多かったが、さびしい思いをしていたわけではなかった。なぜなら、(**A** 【15字以内】) と考えていたからだ。

レイチェル・カーソンと母親が散歩をしているとき

レイチェルから質問をされたときに答えられない場合は、(**B** 【25字以内】) ようにしていた。

3. 次の文を入れるのに最も適切なところを本文中の【あ】～【え】の中から選び、記号で答えなさい。

She would pretend she could hear the ocean's waves rushing up and down the beach.