

7 次の文章はクモ (spider) に関するものです。よく読んで、後の問いに答えなさい。

A spider is a small animal with eight legs. Spiders are best known for the thread they make. They use their thread to catch large and small insects for food.

Many spiders make webs with their threads. They use the webs as traps. 【 A 】 For example, one kind of spider jumps on an insect and eats it. Another spider uses its thread like a line which people use to catch fish. It moves the line until it catches an insect.

Spiders lay eggs. Some large spiders lay 2,000 eggs at a time. One small spider lays just one egg. Many spiders die soon after they lay their eggs. So the babies must learn to take care of themselves.

A lot of people are afraid of spiders, but only a few spiders can hurt humans. In fact, they help us a lot. They kill many bad insects.

A tarantula is a kind of spider. It is large and some are as long as 30cm. It has a lot of hair. People believe that they will become sick if a tarantula bites them, but this is not true. You can find tarantulas in many warm areas such as the American Southwest. American tarantulas live very quietly. These spiders cannot hurt you any more than a bee can.

Some spiders are very dangerous. The black widow is one of these spiders. Its name comes from its color. Its bite will give you much pain. The bite can make you sick for a long time. Only the female black widow can hurt you. She is as small as 1cm long. If you turn her over, you can see something red or yellow on her body. But don't try to turn this spider over!

You can find black widows in almost every state in America. She often makes her webs in dark corners. 【 B 】 She will take a bite at you only when you make her angry.

(注) thread 糸 insect 昆虫 web クモの巣 trap わな
lay (卵を)産む bite かむ/かむこと bee ハチ
pain 痛み female メスの turn~over ~をひっくり返す

問 1 本文中の下線部の英文が表す内容に最も近いものを次のア～エの中から一つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

ア このクモは、ハチと同じように人を傷つける。

イ このクモは、人を傷つけることは全くないが、ハチは人を傷つける。

ウ このクモは、ハチほどには人を傷つけることはない。

エ このクモは、ハチよりも人を傷つける。

問 2 本文中の【 A 】と【 B 】に入る文を次のア～エの中から一つずつ選び、記号で答えなさい。

ア This spider will not often hurt you.

イ There are some spiders which help us a lot.

ウ Making webs is not difficult for them.

エ But some spiders do not make webs to catch insects.

問 3 本文の内容と合うように、次の1～4の下線部に入るものをそれぞれ下のア～エの中から一つずつ選び、記号で答えなさい。

1 Spiders _____

ア are small insects with a lot of hair and always lay many eggs.

イ use thread to catch not only insects but also fish for food.

ウ are very useful to humans because they eat bad insects.

エ lay eggs and take care of their babies after they are born.

2 A tarantula _____

ア is a large spider with a lot of hair on its body.

イ is found in the cool areas like the American Southwest.

ウ is very dangerous but people usually don't believe that.

エ often makes its webs in dark places.

3 The female black widow _____

ア catches an insect by jumping on it and eats it.

イ is as large as a tarantula.

ウ is known to live in all states in America.

エ lives in dark places and can hurt people.

4 To catch an insect, some spiders use _____

ア their long legs and move them.

イ their thread and move it.

ウ their webs and move them.

エ their thread and turn it over.