


(B-3)

(14 marks)

Leo went to Japan last month. Read one of his diary entries carefully, choose the best answers for Questions 29-34 and complete Question 35.

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Mum registered me for an exchange tour to a foreign country this summer. The organiser first assigned me to a language learning tour in Thailand. I was not interested in learning a new language so I requested for something else. The remaining option was to stay at an animal farm in Japan. At that time, I was still unsatisfied with the choice. I did not want to be outdoors. I thought I would have a terrible and tough time.

I flew to Japan with my friend, James. When we arrived at the animal farm, the host family, the Yukimuras, welcomed us warmly and made us traditional Japanese dishes for dinner. The next day, we got up at eight in the morning. After having a light breakfast, Mr Yukimura gave us a tour of their farm and some chores to do. First we fed the chicks. We had to carry a huge bucket of grains and walk into the chicken coop to feed them. Some chicks might fight for food so we had to be careful. We also collected eggs and put them gently into a basket. Then Mr Yukimura showed us how to milk the cows. Before Mr Yukimura milked the cows, he calmed them down with gentle pats. I did not know cows may get anxious when people milk them. James even sang a song to the cows. They mooed after hearing his voice. They seemed to enjoy his singing but I covered my ears! 'Look, I've made friends with the cows!' James exclaimed. We wore gloves, placed a bucket under a cow's udder and started collecting fresh milk. We had fun and did not realise time passed quickly.

We spent four days on the farm doing chores. On the last day, Mrs Yukimura brought us to a local theatre to thank us for the good work. She told us to choose a show to watch but we did not know much about the shows available. We knew little about Japanese cultures so we could not make a decision. Then Mrs Yukimura said to us, 'How about a dance performance? You can learn Japanese cultures from the dances.' We went for the Japanese cultural dance performance and we were amazed by the dancers.

Japan is a wonderful country and I enjoy seeing the different sides of it, both its nature and cultures. I wish we could stay there longer.