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次の英文を読んで，以下の設問に答えなさい。

I live in the land of Hollywood. You may think people in such a fun-filled place are happier than others. If so, you have some mistaken ideas about the nature of happiness.

Many intelligent people still think that happiness is the same as fun. The truth is that (ア)fun and happiness have little or nothing in common. Fun is what we experience during an act. Happiness is what we experience after an act. It is a deep emotion that lasts for a long time. Going to an amusement park or watching television, for example, are fun activities that help us relax and forget our problems for a short period. But (イ)they do not bring happiness, because their positive effects end when the fun ends.

I have often thought that if Hollywood stars have a role to play, it is to teach us that happiness has nothing to do with fun. These rich, beautiful individuals have constant access to attractive parties, fancy cars, expensive homes, everything that spells “ (ウ) .” But such famous people might reveal the (エ) hidden under all their fun: deep loneliness, broken marriages, troubled children. Yet people continue to believe that the next, more attractive party, more expensive car, or fancier home will do what all the other parties, cars, and homes have not been able to do.

The way people cling to the belief that a fun-filled, pain-free life is equal to happiness actually decreases their chances of ever attaining real happiness. If you think fun and pleasure are the same as happiness, then it follows that pain must be the same as unhappiness. But, in fact, (オ)the opposite is true. Things that lead to happiness involve some pain.

As a result, many people avoid the very endeavors that are the source of true happiness. They fear the pain inevitably brought by such things as professional achievement and self-improvement.

Consider a boy, for example, who likes video games. Playing video games is one of his favorite means of killing time at home. While being absorbed in doing it, he feels relaxed and forgets everything troublesome in his daily life. When the time of playing video games is over, however, his fun is over as well. Afterwards, he feels empty. Why? It is because he does it only for (カ) ; it requires no effort, and it does not contribute in any real way to happiness itself.

On the other hand, consider another boy, who likes movies. Though he wants to enjoy Italian movies, his poor knowledge of Italian [(キ)**doing，from，him，it，prevents**]. One day, this boy makes up his mind to catch successfully what actors and actresses are saying in Italian without the help of English subtitles. In order to fulfill his desire, he spends a lot of his time and energy studying Italian. After years of effort, the time has come when he is able to understand not only all the lines in an Italian movie but also a great deal more about another culture. This very moment brings him a sense of fulfillment, and he feels happy from the bottom of his heart. In other words, (ク)it is not until he makes every effort for years that he realizes what true happiness is like.

Understanding and accepting that true happiness has nothing to do with fun can be (ケ)one of the biggest life-changing discoveries we make. First, we will be free from time: now we can devote more hours to activities that can genuinely increase our happiness. Secondly, we will be free from money: buying that new car or those fancy clothes that will do nothing to increase our happiness now seems pointless. And thirdly, we will be free from envy: we now understand that all those rich and attractive people may actually not be happy at all. The moment we understand that fun does not bring happiness, we begin to lead our lives differently. The effect can be, quite literally, life-changing.

[設問]

1．下線部(ア)について，以下の問いに答えなさい。

(1) 日本語に訳しなさい。

(2) 筆者はfunとhappinessの違いがどこにあると考えているか，両者を対比させて本文の内容に即して60字以内の日本語で説明しなさい。

2．下線部(イ)について，筆者がそのように考える理由を日本語で簡潔に述べなさい。

3．空欄(ウ)と(エ)について，本文の内容に即して入れるべき語の組み合わせを以下の①～④の中から選びなさい。

① (ウ) happiness (エ) happiness

② (ウ) happiness (エ) unhappiness

③ (ウ) unhappiness (エ) happiness

④ (ウ) unhappiness (エ) unhappiness

4．下線部(オ)について，本文の内容に即して日本語で簡潔に説明しなさい。

5．空欄(カ)について，本文中の語を用いて適切な一語を入れなさい。

6．下線部(キ)について，本文の内容に即して[ ]内の語を正しい順序に並べ替えなさい。

7．下線部(ク)を日本語に訳しなさい。

8．下線部(ケ)について，その内容の要点を日本語で簡潔に述べなさい。