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Why the Doctor Was Late

1 One night just before nine, the doctor answered his telephone. "Glens Falls is calling Dr. Van ^{*1}Eyck," said the voice on the telephone. "This is Dr. Van Eyck," said the doctor. Soon he heard another voice: "This is Dr. Haydon at the Glens Falls Hospital. We have a very sick boy here. He was brought in ₁₎with a ^{*2}bullet in his
5 brain. He's very weak and may not live. We should operate at once, but I'm not a ^{*3}surgeon."

2 "I'm 60 miles from Glens Falls," said Dr. Van Eyck. "Have you called Dr. Hecser in Glens Falls?" "He's out of town," said Dr. Haydon. "I'm calling you because the boy is from ₂₎your city. He was visiting here and shot himself while playing with a
10 gun." "You say he is from Albany?" asked Dr. Van Eyck. "What is his name?" "Arthur Cunningham." "I don't think I know him, but I'll go as soon as I can. It's snowing, but I think I can get there before 12:00." "I should tell you that his family is very poor. I don't think they can pay you." "₃₎That's all right," said Dr. Van Eyck.

3 A few minutes later the surgeon's car had to stop for a red light. A man in an
15 old, black coat opened the car door and got in. "Drive on," he said. "I've got a gun." "I'm a doctor," said Van Eyck. "₄₎I'm going to a hospital to operate...." "Don't talk," said the man in the black coat. "Just drive!"

₅₎Outside the town he told the doctor to stop the car and get out. Then he drove
20 away. The doctor stood for a moment in the snow, then began to walk. Half an hour later he found a telephone and called a taxi. At the train station he learned that the next train to Glens Falls would not leave until 12:00. It was after 2:00 in the morning when the surgeon reached the Glens Falls Hospital. Dr. Haydon was waiting. "I did my best," said Van Eyck. "But I was stopped on the road and...."

4 "It was good of you to try," said Dr. Haydon. "The boy died an hour ago." The
25 two doctors walked by the door of the waiting room. There was the man in the old, black coat with his head in his hands. "Mr. Cunningham," said Dr. Haydon, "this is Dr. Van Eyck. ₆₎He is the surgeon who came ^{*4}all the way from Albany to try to save your boy."
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[Note] ^{*1}Eyck [アイク] ^{*2}bullet [búlit] [銃弾] ^{*3}surgeon [sá:rdʒən] [外科医]
^{*4}all the way [はるばる, わざわざ]

Words & Phrases

- 1 5 brain [bréin] 5 operate [ápərəit] 5 at once
3 19 for a moment

Check A

- 1 下線部 1)と同じ意味の with を含む文を, a)~c)から 1つ選びなさい。
a) Miho danced with a flower in her hair.
b) I bought a house with a big pool in Hawaii.
c) Bob tried to eat with chopsticks at the Japanese restaurant.
- 2 (1) 下線部 2)の地名を, 英語で答えなさい。()
(2) 下線部 3)の That がさす内容を, 日本語で答えなさい。

- 3 (1) 下線部 4)の医師のことばの続きを次のように補った場合に, ()内に入る語を答えなさい。
I'm going to a hospital to operate on a boy who () himself by mistake.
He is waiting for me at the () () Hospital.
(2) 下線部 5)を日本語に直しなさい。

- 4 下線部 6)を日本語に直しなさい。

Check B

1. 本文と一致するものには T, 一致しないものには F を ()内に入れなさい。
(1) The boy was brought to the hospital where Dr. Van Eyck worked. ()
(2) Dr. Eyck lived in Albany, 60 miles from Glens Falls. ()
(3) Dr. Haydon and Dr. Hecser weren't surgeons, so they could not operate on the boy. ()
(4) The doctor's car had to stop on the way because of the heavy snow. ()
(5) The doctor's car was taken by a man in the black coat, so he had to go to the hospital by taxi and train. ()
(6) The doctor took the train to Glens Falls and arrived at the hospital after two o'clock in the morning. ()
(7) The man in the black coat was Mr. Cunningham, the boy's father. ()

2. この話のタイトルとして最も適当なものを, a)~c)から選びなさい。
a) A Story of Kind-hearted Doctors
b) The Story of an Unfortunate Boy
c) A Story of Life's Irony