

〔 3 〕 次の英文を読んで、設問に答えなさい。

When I was on the bus in Hawaii, an American woman said to me “Japanese \*tourists are so \*rude!” I didn’t understand why she said so. Most people think Japanese people are \*polite. Then I heard her story.

“It always happens when I get on an elevator here,” she said. “The elevator is already full and Japanese people always push others to get on the elevator. It’s so rude!”

Ah-ha. Then I understood. This woman has never been to Japan and has never got on an elevator in big cities like Tokyo or Nagoya. When Japanese get on elevators, it is usual to push someone because elevators in Japan are usually crowded. However, Americans don’t push other people because they don’t need to do it. So when Americans are pushed in the elevators, they feel “It’s rude.” So who’s really wrong in this kind of situation? You can say no one and everyone.

No one was wrong, because the Japanese tourists were just doing \*as they always do at home, and the American woman didn’t understand why they did so. It was a simple difference about culture. However, everyone was also wrong because a little more \*tolerance was necessary. When we visit a foreign country, we’re \*expected to watch people in that country and do the same things that they do, as the \*proverb “When in Rome, do as the Romans do” says. However, we can’t expect foreign visitors to do everything like us. We should have a little tolerance for differences about culture.

(注) tourist : 旅行者    rude : 失礼な    polite : 礼儀正しい    as : ~のように  
tolerance : 寛容さ    expect A to ~ : Aが~するのを期待する  
proverb : ことわざ

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11 Why did the American woman say “Japanese tourists are so rude?”

- ア Because they pushed people when they got on a bus.
- イ Because they were talking when they were on an elevator.
- ウ Because they pushed people when they got on an elevator.
- エ Because they tried to run into a bus.

12 Where was the American woman pushed by Japanese tourists?

- ア In Tokyo.    イ In Rome.    ウ In a bus.    エ In Hawaii.

13 Why did the writer understand that Japanese tourists were not rude?

- ア Because they were just doing as they always do in Japan.
- イ Because they were just doing as they always do in America.
- ウ Because they just tried to be like Americans.
- エ Because they just tried to be like foreign people.

14 What does the proverb “When in Rome, do as the Romans do” mean?

- ア When you go to a foreign country, you should learn foreign languages.
- イ When you go to a foreign country, you should talk with a lot of people who live in the country.
- ウ When you visit a foreign country, you should push someone who lives in the country.
- エ When you visit a foreign country, you should act like people who live in the country.

15 What should we do when we see foreign people are doing something strange?

- ア We should take them to a big city like Tokyo or Nagoya.
- イ We should understand differences in each other’s cultures.
- ウ We should enjoy having lunch together.
- エ We should expect them to do everything like us.