

問 8 次の英文を読んで、あとの(ア)～(ウ)の問いに答えなさい。

*Yui, Rin, and Taro are junior high school students. They are talking in the classroom. Now Tim Brown, their English teacher, \*comes up to them.*

**Mr. Brown :** Good afternoon, everyone. What are you talking about ?

**Yui :** Hello, Mr. Brown. Good \*timing ! We are talking about the school festival next month. Our class is going to give a performance at the festival.

**Mr. Brown :** Oh, but why is it good timing ?

**Rin :** We are going to do a \*play in English, but writing a \*script in English is very difficult for us. Could you ....

**Mr. Brown :** I see. You need my help, right ?

**Rin :** Yes ! Taro and I are writing it now. We want to \*ask you for help when we get to difficult parts.

**Mr. Brown :** OK. I'm happy to help you. So, what kind of play are you going to do ?

**Taro :** We are going to do the play *Momotaro*. Do you know that \*story ?

**Mr. Brown :** Of course. In the story, a strong boy, Momotaro, \*beats bad \*devils with his three animal friends. I've read the story in Japanese.

**Rin :** We have already decided most of the \*roles. Look at this paper, please. It shows the \*casting.

*Rin \*hands a piece of paper to Mr. Brown.*

**Mr. Brown :** Will Kenji \*play the \*hero ? He speaks good English.

**Taro :** Yes, and he is also good at \*acting.  Yui, Kota, and Mana will play the three animals. These roles are perfect for them because they are \*active and good at sports.

**Yui :** I'm going to play the dog. I'm happy because I love dogs. Kota will be the \*monkey, and Mana will be the \*pheasant. We will make our \*own \*costumes, so we will study about these animals in the library and on the Internet.

**Mr. Brown :** I hope you do well. By the way, who will play the \*leader of the devils ?

**Rin :** Well, that is a problem. \*No one wants to play that role because it's a bad one.

**Mr. Brown :** A bad one, but an important one. You can't play *Momotaro* \*without the devil.

**Taro :** I think so, too. Actually, I wanted to play that role, but I'm \*not so tall or big. I don't think I look like the leader of the devils.

**Mr. Brown :** Well, then, I'll play that role.

**Yui :** You ? I never thought of that. Can you do that ?

**Mr. Brown** : Maybe. We teachers can join students' performances at the festival. I think I can play a strong devil because I am big and tall and practice judo.

**Rin** : You may be right, but are you all right? The role isn't so cool.

**Mr. Brown** : Why do you think so? I often watch movies, both Japanese and American ones. In some movies, we can see very cool bad men. I want to play the coolest devil in your play.

**Yui** : Sounds great. I want to see you in our play.

**Taro** : Yes, it's cool! I want to play a member of the devil group. And some other classmates may join, too.

**Rin** : I think everyone will enjoy our play.

**Mr. Brown** : OK. \*It's done.

*Mr. Brown writes something on the paper and shows the paper to the students.*

\*come up to ~ : ~のほうへやって来る    timing : タイミング    play : 芝居, 劇    script : 台本  
 ask ~ for ... : ~に...を求める    story : 物語    beat ~ : ~を打ち負かす  
 devil(s) : 悪魔, 鬼    role(s) : 役    casting : 配役    hand ~ : ~を手渡す  
 play ~ : ~(の役)を演じる    hero : 主人公    acting : 演技    active : 活動的な  
 monkey : サル    pheasant : キジ    own : 自分自身の    costumes : 衣装  
 leader : リーダー, 親分    no one ~ : だれも~ない    without ~ : ~なしで  
 not ~ or ... : ~でも...でもない    It's done. : それで決まりだ。

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1. He wants to play an animal.
2. Playing *Momotaro* is difficult for him.
3. I will write his name on the paper.
4. All of us agree on his role.

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1.

<u>Casting</u>	
Momotaro :	Kenji
Old man :	Satoru
Old woman :	Mie
Dog :	Yui
Monkey :	Kota
Pheasant :	Mana
Leader of devils :	Tim Brown
Other devils :	Taro
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2.

<u>Casting</u>	
Momotaro :	Kenji
Old man :	Satoru
Old woman :	Mie
Dog :	Yui
Monkey :	Kota
Pheasant :	Mana
Leader of devils :	Taro
Other devils :	Tim Brown
	⋮

3.

<u>Casting</u>	
Momotaro :	Kenji
Old man :	Satoru
Old woman :	Mie
Dog :	Yui
Monkey :	Mana
Pheasant :	Kota
Leader of devils :	Tim Brown
Other devils :	Taro
	⋮

4.

<u>Casting</u>	
Momotaro :	Satoru
Old man :	Kenji
Old woman :	Mie
Dog :	Mana
Monkey :	Kota
Pheasant :	Yui
Leader of devils :	Taro
Other devils :	Tim Brown
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(ウ) 次の a ～ gの中から、本文の内容に合うものを二つ選んだときの組み合わせとして最も適するものを、あとの 1 ～ 8の中から一つ選び、その番号を答えなさい。

- a. Yui, Rin and Taro were talking about an interesting TV program when Mr. Brown came up to them.
- b. Mr. Brown is going to write all of the script for the students' play because the students can't write it.
- c. Mr. Brown knows the story of *Momotaro* well, but he has read it only in English.
- d. Yui and two other students will study about some animals to make their costumes for the play.
- e. Taro thinks the leader of the devils is a very bad role, so he doesn't want to play it.
- f. Yui doesn't think Mr. Brown can play a role in the students' play because he isn't good at acting.
- g. Mr. Brown has found that some bad roles are cool in movies, and he wants to play a role like them.

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| 1. a と d | 2. a と f | 3. b と d | 4. b と e |
| 5. c と e | 6. c と f | 7. d と g | 8. e と g |