

問 8 次の英文を読んで、あとの(ア)～(ウ)の問いに答えなさい。

*One morning in October, Shizuka, Junya, and Ben are talking in their classroom.*

**Shizuka:** I saw you on Kaede Street yesterday morning. You were walking fast.

**Ben:** Yesterday morning? Oh, I was going to Ryota's house. I enjoyed playing *shogi* with him yesterday.

**Junya:** Oh, I didn't know you played *shogi*. Have you played it for a long time?

**Ben:** No. I started playing it after coming to Japan this year. When I was in America, I played \*chess.

**Junya:** I don't think many people in Japan play chess.

**Ben:** So, I played it with players in other countries on the Internet, but I couldn't enjoy playing it because I couldn't see the player. I want to play it \*face-to-face.

**Shizuka:** \*I know how you feel.

**Ben:** Then, I told that to my friend, Ryota. He \*recommended *shogi* to me. He said it was \*similar to chess, and he told me the \*rules. Some of the rules are similar to the rules of chess, so it was not difficult for me to understand them. At first, I couldn't \*win against Ryota, but now, I am as a good player as Ryota.

**Junya:** That's great.

*Then, their English teacher Mr. Ito, comes in the classroom, and talks to Shizuka, Junya, and Ben.*

**Mr. Ito:** Good morning, Shizuka, Junya, Ben.

**Junya:** Good morning, Mr. Ito. We are talking about *shogi* and chess now.

**Mr. Ito:** Oh, I like both of them.

**Ben:** That's great. I want to play chess with you, Mr. Ito.

**Mr. Ito:** That sounds nice. Let's play it next time. \*By the way, I think chess \*pieces are cool. They are black or white, and taller than *shogi* pieces. I think the \*knight piece is the coolest of all of the chess pieces.

**Shizuka:** Well, I have seen it before. It looks like the head of a \*horse, right?

**Ben:** Yes. Chess pieces are different from *shogi* pieces. I like *shogi* pieces better. They are small and \*flat, and I think they are cool because *kanji* is written on them. At Ryota's house, there is a large \*ornament of a *shogi* piece. I like it very much.

**Mr. Ito:** Oh, I also have one at my house. I bought it when I visited Tendo City in Yamagata \*Prefecture three years ago. Tendo is famous for *shogi* pieces. In Japan almost all of the *shogi* pieces are made in Tendo.

**Junya:** I want to know about Tendo. Please tell me more about it.

**Mr. Ito:** Sure. I hear people in Tendo \*Domain started to make *shogi* pieces at the end of \*Edo Period. One year in Tendo, rice didn't \*grow well, so the \*lord had to think of the way to \*make money. Then, the lord told people in Tendo Domain to make *shogi* pieces. \*In those days, *shogi* was played by a lot of people in Japan, so the

lord thought people would buy *shogi* pieces. Since then, people living in Tendo have made *shogi* pieces.

**Ben:** That's interesting! I'll visit Tendo if I have a chance to go to Tohoku.

**Mr. Ito:** I think you'll like Tendo. By the way, do you know people usually make chess pieces and *shogi* pieces from the same kind of tree?

**Shizuka:** Really? What kind of tree?

**Mr. Ito:** \*Box tree. It is a short tree. The \*wood of a box tree is light and \*hard, so it is good for making chess pieces and *shogi* pieces.

**Ben:** I see. Chess and *shogi* are different in some points, but the same in other points. I want to learn about them more.

\* chess : チェス (の)      face-to-face : 対面して

I know how you feel. : 私はあなたの気持ちができる。

recommended ~ to ... : ...に~をすすめた      similar to ~ : ~に似ている

rules : ルール      win against ~ : ~に勝つ      By the way : ところで

pieces : コマ      knight : ナイト (チェスのコマの一つ)      horse : 馬      flat : 平らな

ornament : 置き物      Prefecture : 県      Domain : 藩      Edo Period : 江戸時代

grow : 育つ      lord : 藩主      make money : お金をかせぐ      In those days : 当時

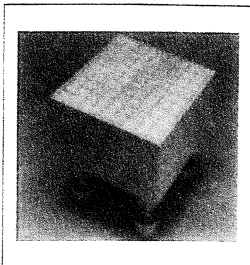
Box tree : ツゲの木      wood : 木材      hard : 硬い

(ア) 本文中の  の中に入れるのに最も適するものを、次の 1 ~ 4 の中から一つ選び、その番号を答えなさい。

1. I wanted to play *shogi*, and I enjoyed playing it with a lot of people.
2. I wanted to play *shogi*, but my friends in Japan don't play it.
3. I wanted to play chess in Japan, and I enjoyed playing it with a lot of people.
4. I wanted to play chess in Japan, but my friends in Japan don't play it.

(イ) 本文中の——線部の one が指すものとして最も適するものを、次の 1 ~ 4 の中から一つ選び、その番号を答えなさい。

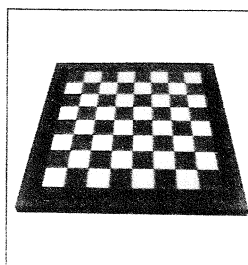
1.



2.



3.



4.



(ウ) 次の a ～ f 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. Ben thinks it was not so fun to play chess with players on the Internet because he couldn't see the player.
- b. Ben asked Ryota to tell the rules of *shogi*, and Ryota told Ben about them.
- c. Ben was as a good player as Ryota when he started to play *shogi*, and he sometimes won against Ryota.
- d. Shizuka thinks that chess pieces are cool and the knight piece is the coolest of all.
- e. The lord in Tendo Domain told people there to make *shogi* pieces to make *shogi* more famous.
- f. A box tree is a short tree, and it is usually used to make both chess pieces and *shogi* pieces.

1. a と b

2. a と d

3. a と f

4. b と c

5. b と e

6. c と d

7. c と e

8. e と f

