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Ken : Hi, Mary. You have many Japanese coins on your desk.

Mary : Yes. I want to take ①them with me when I go back to my country. I think Japanese coins are very interesting and pretty. I like them. In America, we don't have any coins that have a hole.

Ken : Oh, I see. Japan learned how to make coins from China about 1,300 years ago. China had coins that had a hole.

Mary : Is that so? In America, we have some special coins.

Ken : Really? ②( ア What イ Who ウ Why ) are they? Please tell me.

Mary : They are 25 cent coins. Each state is making a different 25 cent coin.

Ken : Do you mean each state has a different design?

Mary : That's right. In America, all 25 cent coins have the same head. They have the face of George Washington. The tails are different. We can learn the history or the culture of each state from the tail of its coin.

Ken : That's interesting. I really want to collect them.

Mary : Every year, five states have their own coins. This project was started in 1999. ③It takes 10 years to finish the project. So in 2008, all the 50 states will have their own coins.

Ken : I think Japan should start the same kind of project. I want every prefecture to have its own coin. I will ④( ア is イ am ウ be ) happy if I see Daibutsu on the tail of a 500 yen coin.

Mary : Wow! Then, I will have a lot of Japanese coins to collect.

(注) coin : 硬貨    hole : 穴    cent : セント    state : 州    design : デザイン    head : 表  
tail : 裏    history : 歴史    George Washington : ジョージ・ワシントン (米国初代大統領)  
own : 独自の    project : 計画    prefecture : 県

(1) 下線部①が指しているものを日本語で書け。

(2) ②, ④の (    ) 内のア～ウから、適する語をそれぞれ1つずつ選び、その記号を書け。

(3) 下線部③を参考にして、「京都に行くのに電車で50分かかります。」という文を英語に直せ。

(4) 次の(a), (b)の問いに3語以上の英語で答えよ。ただし、コンマやピリオドなどは語数に含めないこと。

(a) Were there coins that had a hole in China?

(b) What does a 25 cent coin have on the head?

(5) 本文の内容と合っているものを、次のア～エから1つ選び、その記号を書け。

ア In America there are a lot of coins that have a hole, so Japanese coins are not special to Mary.

イ American people can learn the history or the culture of each state from the heads of their 25 cent coins.

ウ Ken learns about different 25 cent coins from Mary, and he really wants to collect them.

エ In Japan, every prefecture has started to make its own coins, and Mary has a lot of them.