

# スノーボード

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1 次の英文を読んで、下の設問に答えよ。(参考：スノーボーダーのジャンプ写真が本文のあとに掲載されている。) (40点)

If U.S. ski resorts are doing fairly well these days, it isn't because of colder winters. It's because of snowboarders. Half surfing, half skiing, snowboarding is the fastest-growing sport in the U.S. — participation jumped 50% in 1993 alone, to 1.8 million, and that number is supposed to double by the end of the decade. In 1990 fewer than 6% of U.S. ski-area lift tickets went to snowboarders; last winter it was 11%. And within five years the figure will very ( ㉞ ) reach 27%, according to the National Sporting Goods Association.

Satisfied with this growth, Jake Burton talks about *when*, not *if*, snowboarding will be more ( ㉟ ) than skiing. ① Unlike Abner Doubleday, the man often credited with the invention of baseball in 1839, 40-year-old Burton has become a very wealthy man from snowboarding, a sport he is largely responsible for creating over the past 15 years. His company controls at least 30% of the \$750 million snowboard industry.

Did we say sport? Snowboarding is actually more like a lifestyle. Inspired by southern California's surfing and skateboarding subcultures, snowboarding has its own clothing style, attitude and language. Around 80% of snowboarders are still under 25. ② Skiers generally don't like snowboarders for the way they look and the way they scrape the snow off a slope, exposing the ice beneath. For years many ski resorts banned snowboarders or put them on ( ㊱ ) parts of the hill. But the resorts can no longer afford this fight. ③ The number of skier visits has been flat since 1979, and the skiing population is aging. About half of the 1,000 areas that were operating in 1975 are closed. Mount Snow initially banned snowboarders, but now ( ㊲ ) snowboarders buy an estimated 30% of Mount Snow's lift tickets, they get free use of the place. Nationwide, over 90% of all U.S. ski resorts now permit snowboarding, up from just 7% a decade ago.



問1 ㉗～㉛の ( ) に入る語を次の中から選び、番号で答えよ。

1. difficult                      2. likely                      3. much  
4. popular                      5. that                      6. unpopular

問2 本文の内容に合うように、次の ( ) 内に数字を入れよ。

- (1) In 1992, ( ) million people were snowboarding.  
(2) The sales of Burton's company are at least \$( ) million.  
(3) About ( )% of snowboarders are 25 and over.  
(4) Ten years ago, ( )% of U. S. ski resorts did not accept snowboarders.

問3 下線部①, ②, ③を日本語に訳せ。