

問 9 次の英文を読んで、あとの(ア)～(ウ)の問いに答えなさい。

*Jack and Ayako are students of Sakura High School in Tokyo. Jack comes from America. They are talking in the classroom.*

**Jack** : Good morning, Ayako.

**Ayako** : Good morning, Jack. How are you?

**Jack** : I'm fine. How are you? Oh, you look \*sleepy.

**Ayako** : Yes, I am a little sleepy now.

**Jack** : Why are you sleepy?

**Ayako** : I stayed at my grandmother's house last night because my parents went to Osaka. They met their old friends and stayed at a \*hotel. This morning I had to get up earlier \*than usual and took a train to come to school from my grandmother's house.

**Jack** : I see. How long did it take to get to school?

**Ayako** : About forty minutes. It took a long time.

**Jack** : ( ① )

**Ayako** : Oh, why do you think so? No. It took a long time!

*When they are talking, their teacher Mr. Brown speaks to them.*

**Mr. Brown** : Hi, Jack and Ayako.

**Jack** : Hi, Mr. Brown. Ayako and I were talking about \*commute time.

**Ayako** : Hi, Mr. Brown. I came to school by train today, and it took about forty minutes.

**Mr. Brown** : I think forty minutes is shorter than the \*average commute time for \*female. Wait a minute. I'll \*check it on my \*mobile phone. Oh, this is a \*table about average commute time on the Internet.

Table

**average commute time on the morning of weekdays** (平日朝の通勤・通学時間)

(h : 時間 m : 分)

	Kanto (関東)	Chukyo (中京)	Kinki (近畿)	Kitakyushu・Fukuoka (北九州・福岡)
female	1h04m	45m	54m	48m
*male	1h32m	1h08m	1h18m	1h01m

(総務省統計局「平成 23 年社会生活基本調査結果」より作成)

**Mr. Brown** : This table says the average commute time on the morning of weekdays for female in Kanto is about one hour.

**Ayako** : I was surprised to know that. ( ② ) So, her commute time is a little longer than the average.

**Mr. Brown** : Yes, that's right. I lived in Chiba when I first came to Japan to teach English. I

made many friends there. One of them, an English teacher, said it took more than two hours \*each way to \*commute.

**Jack** : Oh, your friend's commute time by \*round-trip was more than \*one-sixth of one day! I can't \*believe it.

*Their classmate Kenji comes in the classroom.*

**Ayako** : Good morning, Kenji. You have a \*helmet for the bike. Did you come to school by bike?

**Kenji** : Yes. I came by bike. It usually takes about thirty minutes to come to school by bike. Riding a bike is great \*exercise and I really like it. Mr. Brown, how do you come to school?

**Mr. Brown** : I usually take a train to come here. I like reading books on a train when I commute. But I think coming to school by bike is a great way of exercise and good for \*health. I sometimes come to school by bike.

**Kenji** : You take a train or ride a bike to come to school, right? Me, too. I take a train to come here when it rains. I like reading books on a train, too.

**Jack** : Then \*why don't you go to the school library after school with me? I go to the library almost every day, and read books there for about thirty minutes.

**Kenji** : OK, I will.

\* sleepy : 眠い      hotel : ホテル      than usual : いつもより  
commute time : 通勤・通学時間      average : 平均 (の)      female : 女性  
check ~ : ~を調べる      mobile phone : 携帯電話      table : 表      male : 男性  
each way : 片道      commute : 通勤 (通学) する      round-trip : 往復  
one-sixth : 6 分の 1      believe ~ : ~を信じる      helmet : ヘルメット  
exercise : 運動      health : 健康      why don't you ~ : ~しませんか

(ア) 本文中の ( ① ) 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. Well, I don't think it took a long time.
2. Oh, I think it took a long time.
3. Well, I don't think you are sleepy every day.
4. Oh, I think you are sleepy every day.

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1. My aunt in Kinki says it takes forty minutes to go to work.
2. My aunt in Kanto says it takes one hour and ten minutes to go to work.
3. My aunt in Fukuoka says it takes forty-five minutes to go to work.
4. My aunt in Chukyo says it takes two hours to go to work.