

問 8 次の英文を読んで、あとの(ア)～(ウ)の問いに答えなさい。

*Yuka, Nicole, and Takeru are high school students. In Mr. Goto's English class, they are having a group *discussion about reading. Mr. Goto shows the *graph to the students at first.*

Mr. Goto : Hello, everyone. I know some students read books a lot and other students don't. Please look at **Graph 1** and talk about it in your group.

Yuka : OK, ①the graph is about the answers to the question, "How many books do you read in a month?"

Nicole : High school, junior high school and *elementary school students were asked the question.

Takeru : I'm surprised that elementary school students read books the most.

Yuka : They read the most from 2013 to 2021.

Takeru : *On the other hand, most high school students read *less than two books in a month.

Nicole : I try to read three books in a month. But I can't do that sometimes.

Yuka : Wow, good for you, Nicole! I read a lot of books when I was an elementary school student. However, I don't think I read much these days.

Takeru : It's not just you, Yuka.

Mr. Goto : How is your group discussion going? Did you find any interesting things about the graph?

Nicole : Yes, we did. Elementary school students read more books than students in junior high school and high school.

Mr. Goto : It will be good if you can think about the reasons.

Yuka : Well, I don't read books much because I'm busy with several activities. I practice tennis after school. I also learn *tea ceremony on weekends.

Takeru : I'm usually busy with soccer practice. When we have a game, we practice every day before school and after school. Sometimes, I'm very tired, so I can't do my homework.

Nicole : I think most high school students are busy like both of you, so they don't have time to read. It takes me about an hour to come to school by train. It's my reading time. I think I'm lucky to be able to have time for reading.

Mr. Goto : You're right. Usually, high school students are busier than elementary school students. *Therefore, that is one of the reasons .

Yuka : Please look at **Graph 2**. I found it. ②This graph shows the reasons for students to *pick up a book.

*discussion : 話し合い graph : グラフ elementary school : 小学校

On the other hand : 他方で less than ~ : ~より少ない tea ceremony : 茶道

Therefore : そのため pick up ~ : ~を手にする

- Takeru :** I have bought books before because they looked interesting in the * advertisement.
- Nicole :** More than 50% of the high school students answered that was the reason to pick up a book.
- Yuka :** Many elementary school students may read books with their families. The most popular answer among elementary school students was “Family members.”
- Nicole :** I’m reading a book about animals. I watched a very interesting TV show about animals, and I had an *interest in them. So, I’m one of about 33% of high school students.
- Takeru :** I went to the school library every week when I went to elementary school because we had *story time. Sometimes, special *guests came to our school to read a book. They were very good at changing voices for different *characters, so I really enjoyed listening to their stories.
- Yuka :** *It seems like elementary school students have more books at home and school. Finding new books to read is very easy for them.
- Nicole :** I think reading is a very important skill. To have many books at home and school is very good for elementary school students.
- Takeru :** Reading is great for us, too. *It’s true that I’m busy with club activities, but I can *perhaps spend about fifteen to twenty minutes reading before I go to bed.
- Yuka :** That’s great! I’m going to try that, too!

* advertisement : 広告 interest : 興味, 関心 story time : 読み聞かせの時間
 guests : ゲスト characters : 登場人物 It seems like ~ : ~のように思われる
 It's true that ~ : たしかに~だ perhaps : もしかしたら

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2. for high school students to read books the most
3. for elementary school students to read more books than high school students do
4. for elementary school students to have no time to read many books

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- b. Yuka didn't read much when she went to elementary school.
- c. Mr. Goto thinks high school students are busy because they join a club or other activities.
- d. Takeru went to the school library every week when he was an elementary school student, but he didn't enjoy reading.
- e. Yuka says that elementary school students can find new books to read easily.
- f. Mr. Goto tells his students that having many books at home and school is very good for high school students.

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