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## 英 語

### 表・グラフの読み取り(3)

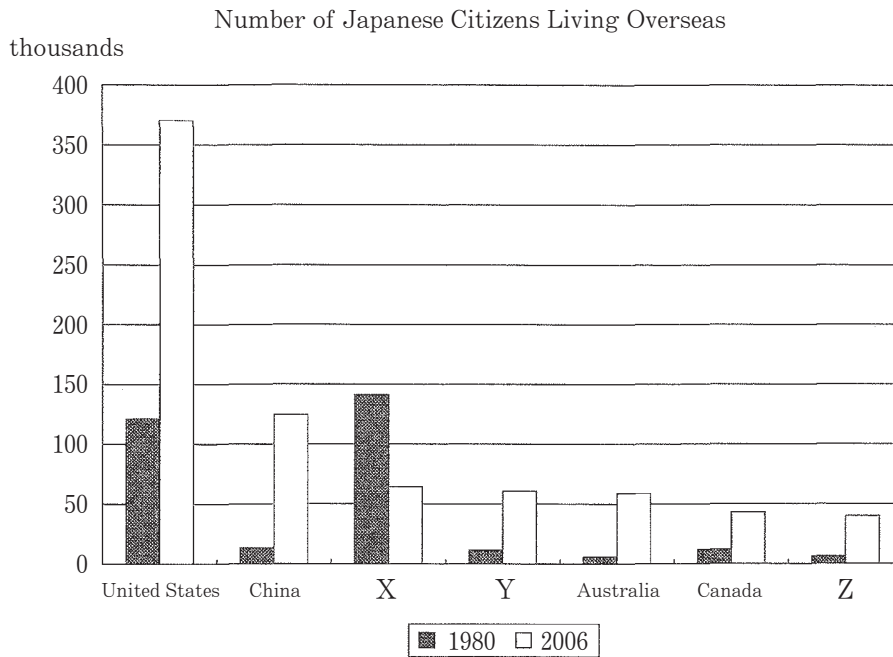
次の文章とグラフを読み、下の問いに対する答えとして  ~  に入れるのに最も適切なものを、それぞれ下の①~④のうちから一つずつ選べ。

There are Japanese communities in many countries in the world now. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, almost half a million Japanese citizens were living outside Japan in 1980, as shown in the graph below. This does not include tourists, but only people living overseas for more than three months. Surprisingly, in 1980, the country with the largest resident Japanese population was Brazil, followed by the U.S.A.

In 2006, the picture was quite different. While the number of Japanese in the U.S.A. had tripled since 1980, giving it the largest population of Japanese citizens,  had risen dramatically into second place and the number of Japanese in Brazil had gone down. Australia and the United Kingdom had almost as many resident Japanese as Brazil.

The reasons for these changes are quite varied. The decline in the number of Japanese citizens in Brazil, for example, does not mean that there are fewer Japanese-Brazilians, but that many of them no longer have Japanese nationality. China has experienced rapid economic development and many Japanese companies have sent workers there. Thailand, which has also seen a large increase in the number of Japanese residents, has made an effort to attract Japanese people who have retired. Australia, which once had a policy of accepting only white immigrants, has become more welcoming to Asians and now has a larger Japanese immigrant population than any other Asian country except China. Australia, the United Kingdom, the U.S.A., and Canada (the English-speaking countries shown in the graph) attract large numbers of Japanese residents, probably because most Japanese people have at least some understanding of English and so do not need to learn a new language when they go there.

The various possible reasons for population increases and decreases make it rather difficult to use this data to predict future trends. What we can say for sure is that as globalization continues, more and more people are likely to live outside the country of their nationality — even those from an island country like Japan.



(Data : Keizai Koho Center, 2007)

問1 Which of the following countries is the most appropriate for  in the passage?

- ① Australia                      ② China                      ③ Thailand                      ④ the U.S.A.

問2 In the graph, which countries do X, Y and Z stand for?

- ① X=Brazil                      Y=Thailand                      Z=U.K.  
 ② X=Brazil                      Y=U.K.                      Z=Thailand  
 ③ X=U.K.                      Y=Brazil                      Z=Thailand  
 ④ X=U.K.                      Y=Thailand                      Z=Brazil

問3 What is the author's main conclusion?

- ① Immigration is likely to continue along with globalization.  
 ② It is necessary to learn English before moving abroad.  
 ③ People from island countries are likely to move to Japan.  
 ④ The data can be used to predict future population trends reliably.