総合英語 読解問題演習

●次の英文の内容に関して、(1)から(4)までの質問に対して最も適切なもの、または文を完成させるのに最も適切なものを1、2、3、4の中から一つ選びなさい。

The Ability to Read English

Japanese high school students have already studied English for four or five years. These four or five years of English study have given most of you a basic knowledge of English vocabulary and grammar. Yet most of you still have great difficulties when it comes to reading English-language books, journals and magazines.

It would be a shame if you were to graduate from high school without being able to read English fluently. We say this for two reasons. First, you have already spent hundreds of hours on the study of English, and you should not throw this good work away. You are now closer to a reading knowledge of English than you think. Secondly, the ability to read English truly opens up new worlds into which you may look.

Although Japanese is a language with millions of readers and thousands of translations are made into it every year, much is not or cannot be translated into Japanese. Books and articles on your own specific interests often will not be found in Japanese translation. English-language literature read in Japanese translation is something quite different from the original. You are expected, for good reason, to have a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language.

- (1) According to the passage, what is true about most Japanese high school students?
 - 1 They have not yet learned a basic knowledge of English.
 - 2 They find it easy to read English books and magazines.
 - 3 They don't have great difficulties in reading monthly journals.
 - 4 They seem to be unskillful at reading English books and magazines.