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The number of visitors to the Ueno Zoo in Tokyo, the oldest of Japan's zoos, rose steadily from the 1880s, peaking in 1974 at more than 7 million per year. Since the late 1980s, (1), numbers have fallen to the levels of the 1950s, with about 3.5 million per year. ⁽²⁾Yet Ueno and other zoos are now playing a bigger and bigger role in
5 increasing environmental awareness and the conservation of endangered species. In 1996 it opened a display called the *Woods of Gorillas*, a large space where six *lowland gorillas live in a "natural" setting. Native to the rain forests of Africa, there are now thought to be only fewer than 45,000 of these *great apes left in the wild, but at Ueno, visitors can watch them closely over the fence. To create a *replica of the gorillas'
10 natural surroundings, huge amounts of soil had to be brought in, along with hundreds of plants. With the apes being maintained in natural surroundings rather than in clean cages, the staff need to watch their health carefully. The new display has
⁽³⁾proved very popular among visitors.

Zoorasia, Yokohama, (4) opened in 1999 on a huge site set in the hills of the
15 city, is also home to around 500 animals and about 60 species. Its director says, "This is a public zoo that tries to display the whole ecological system where these particular animals live. I don't think of a zoo nowadays as a profitable business, but primarily as an educational *facility. At the same time, though, to maintain a high quality of displays, we need to attract more visitors by giving them what they want. ⁽⁵⁾This is the
20 biggest challenge of creating a better zoo today."

(注) lowland gorilla: ローランドゴリラ great apes: (ゴリラなどの) 大型類人猿
replica: 模造品, レプリカ facility: 施設

問1 空所 (1) に入れるのに最も適当なものを、次の(ア)~(エ)から1つ選べ。

(ア) for example (イ) however (ウ) in addition (エ) therefore