

問題 次の英文を読み、以下の各問に答えなさい。

The problem of child abuse in Japan continues to become more serious and complex. One statistical indicator that reflects the current state of child abuse in the country is the number of reports made to Child Guidance Centers. Data collection on this indicator began in 1990, when approximately 1,000 cases of abuse were reported and accepted by Child Guidance Centers nationwide. Since then, the number of reports has consistently increased without ever declining, reaching approximately 220,000 cases in 2023.

Regarding this increase, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and other relevant agencies have expressed the view that it is due to a rise in public awareness of child abuse. In other words, although child abuse has existed for a long time, it was rarely reported to Child Guidance Centers in the past. In recent years, however, public awareness has shifted, and child abuse has come to be recognized as a serious issue, resulting in a rise in the number of reports. (1)

While it is certainly true that public awareness of child abuse has increased, one may question whether this change in awareness alone is sufficient to explain the dramatic rise in reported cases. (2)

問1 下線部(1)を200字程度で和訳しなさい。

問2 下線部(2)について、著者はどのような疑問を呈していると考えられますか。

また、その著者の見解に対して、あなたはどのように考えますか。200字程度で述べなさい。