

次の英文を読んで、後の設問に答えよ。

(50点)

1 The root of the word acceptance is “to bring to ourselves” — to receive. When we are accepting, we “bring to ourselves” repeatedly. This is exactly how we teach our children they are wanted and loved. We convey our love with smiles, hugs, kisses, and pats, with the warmth of our affection, day in and day out, through all the years of
5 childhood and into their adulthood.

(a) In order to do this, we may have to give up some of our oldest and fondest dreams. The mother whose daughter prefers reading to ballet and the father whose son decides he likes chemistry better than basketball are faced with a choice about which is more important: living out their dreams through their children or providing their
10 kids with the emotional support and acceptance they need to find and pursue their own dreams. Seen this way, the choice should be clear, and when we make room for our children’s hopes to unfold, we make our own world much bigger and richer, too.

(b) Love should always be freely given, not offered as a reward for good behavior. We should never threaten to withhold or withdraw our love, or set conditions
15 for it by saying “I won’t love you if ...” or “I’ll love you when...” Some parents are concerned that if they unconditionally accept their children, they will “never have anything to strive toward.” c But children need to strive toward goals and achievements, not the fundamental right to be accepted and loved by their parents.

(d) We can accept our kids while rejecting their unacceptable behaviors
20 and maintaining rules and limits.

Six-year-old Jason has left his bicycle in the driveway — again. His father has repeatedly asked him to put it on the porch, explaining that he’s afraid that one day he may run over it by accident. But Jason keeps forgetting. (e)

He’s angry when he walks through the front door, but with an effort he keeps his
25 temper. Unaware of what has happened, Jason runs up to greet his father with a hug.

Dad bends down to meet his son and *swoops him up. “I want to show you something,” he says in a serious tone. He carries Jason to the window, where he can see the damaged bicycle.

“Oh no!” Jason cries as he realizes what has happened. He holds on tighter to his
30 father’s neck, and buries his face in his shoulder.

“You left your bike in the driveway,” Dad states simply. Jason nods his head. His father continues to hold him, adding “This is what I was afraid might happen.” Dad puts Jason back on his feet. He looks his son directly in the eyes and says, “You understand that it may be ruined?” The boy nods tearfully. “Let’s go take a closer look at it,” Dad
35 says, adding, “Maybe we’ll be able to fix it.” The message Dad is giving Jason is,
(f).

*swoop : to seize or snatch in or as if in a sudden sweeping movement

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- (1) 空所㉑, ㉒, ㉓, ㉔に入れるのに最も適当なものを, それぞれ次の中から1つずつ選び, 記号で答えよ。ただし, 不要な選択肢が3つ含まれている。(各5点)
- a And children who are surrounded with the acceptance and love they need learn how to love themselves.
 - b As usual, Dad put it away instead of his son, wondering when Jason will understand what he is always telling him.
 - c Finally, one night the inevitable happens, and Dad feels the dreaded crunch under his wheels.
 - d However, accepting our children unconditionally does not mean tolerating inappropriate or irresponsible behavior.
 - e We also need to let our children know that achievements or compliance with our requests are not prerequisites for being loved.
 - f We can think of our approval as a way of affirming our child's emerging self, helping him build a positive self-image and healthy self-esteem.
 - g When we accept our children unconditionally we let go of any inclination we may have to want to change their inner selves, who they are.
- (2) 下線部㉕を和訳せよ。(10点)
- (3) 空所㉖に入る内容を, 45字以内の日本語で答えよ。ただし, 句読点も字数に含める。
(15点)
- (4) 本文の内容と一致するものを, 次の中から1つ選び, 記号で答えよ。(5点)
- a Parents show their love to their children with warm expressions or physical contact until their kids grow up.
 - b In order to accept their children entirely, parents don't need to abandon their own longtime dreams.
 - c Parents' own horizons are widened when they encourage their children to make their dreams come true.
 - d Sometimes it helps for parents to set conditions for giving love to their children in order to discipline them.
 - e Jason's father is in a good temper when Jason runs up to greet his father with a hug.