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① 次の英文を読んで、設問に答えよ。

The relationship between parents and children in an American home is different (a) what it is in some other countries. American parents expect their children to obey them, but they do not want their children to be afraid of them. They do not expect (1) blind obedience. If a child does not understand why he should do something, 5 his parents take time to explain the reasons to him.

In the home, authority is shared by the father and mother. Both parents are responsible for teaching the child good manners and (b) punishing the child when it is necessary. (2) Usually, the punishment that works the best is taking away, for a time, some privilege that the child enjoys.

10 Accustomed (c) the democratic freedom of the American classroom, the child living in the United States expects the same democratic freedom in the home. He wants to be given the reasons for the rules that are made. He may revolt (d) the authority of his parents when he does not understand these reasons.

15 Wise parents know that when their children begin a minor “revolution” against their authority, it is time to sit down and talk things over. A mother will then drop her work to take the time to talk over a problem with her children. She knows how important it is to have their love and friendship. (3) Only then [accept / she / will / able / get / to / be / them / to] a decision made in their best interest.

問 1 下線部(1)を本文に沿って20字程度の日本語で説明せよ。

問 2 下線部(2)を和訳せよ。

問 3 下線部(3)が「そうしてやっとその母親は、子供のために一番よい決定を子供たちに納得させることができるのである」という意味になるよう[]内の語を並べ換えよ。