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- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
 - When you have been friends with someone for a long time, it is important to continue your friendship with that person even if he or she does something you do not like.
 - Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
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- 你同不同意下列陳述？
 - 當你有個認識很久的朋友，就算他或她做了你不喜歡的事情，維持你們的友誼是很重要的。
 - 使用確切的理由與例子來支持你的答案。

解題思路

1. 真正的友誼應更有包容力。
2. 老朋友可以學到東西。
3. (讓步)反方會認為應該斷絕友誼。(反駁)自己都會犯錯，別太苛。

高分範文

As the saying goes by Helen Keller, “Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.” Friends are of importance to people. It is a blessing to have someone being together. However, arguments can sometimes occur when people are developing their friendship since people are from various family backgrounds. Ideas or outlooks on life can diverge. If an old friend does something I do not like, will I still keep friendship with this friend? I think I will still continue this friendship for sure.

如同海倫凱勒所說，「與朋友一起走在黑暗中，比獨自走在光明中要好。」朋友對人們很重要。有人可以在一起，是一種恩賜。然而，有時友誼發展的過程中會出現爭執，因為大家來自不同的家庭背景。對人生的想法或展望有所分歧。如果有老朋友做了我不喜歡的事，我會跟他保持友誼嗎？我想我還是一定會繼續這段友誼。

Firstly, true friendship should be more tolerable. Individuals are from distinctive backgrounds as in education or in family. With such difference, they can possess different values towards life, so sometimes conflicts or arguments can happen. Most people like the other party to do things like them, to understand them, and to adjust to their tastes or ways of implementing things. However, few people have this mindset of being

more accepting to other people who hold different perspectives towards them. To put it differently, they all want other people to change for them. If not, conflicts occur. For example, I do not like my friends to be late for meetings or outings, such behaviors are seen unfaithful and untrustworthy for me. Yet if my friends really do, I will show my unpleasantness and disagreements, yet in the meantime, try to know why they are late. I will still keep the friendship because accidents sometimes happen. I should be more considerate with old friends because I have my shortcomings as well and they accept it and still be my friends. Being friends to each other should be with no pressure. Doing something I do not like, old friends still have many other advantages we can learn from. Why not continuing the friendship?

首先，真正的友誼應該更有包容力。每個人都來自不同的背景，像是教育或家庭。有這樣的差異，他們對於人生的價值觀也會不同，所以有時會發生衝突與爭執。大多數人喜歡對方像他們一樣做事情，了解他們，去適應他們的品味或做事的方式。然而，很少人具備更接受與我方觀點不同的人的心態。換種說法，他們全都想要其他人為他們而改變。如果不是如此，那麼衝突就會發生。舉例來說，我不喜歡朋友聚會或出遊的時候有人遲到，我認為這種行為對我而言，是不忠誠與靠不住。我會表現出我的不悅與不認同，但是同時，我會試著了解他們為什麼會遲到。我還是會跟他當朋友，因為意外有時會發生。我應該對老朋友更加體貼，因為我也有缺點，而他們接受了我的缺點，還是把我當朋友。交朋友應該是沒有壓力的。做了我不喜歡的事，老朋友還是有其他我可以學習的優點。為何不延續友誼呢？

Secondly, we can all learn things from people who do something we do not like. "Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get," said by Forrest Gump. Maybe we always like the sweeter taste of chocolates; however, sometimes we can value the sweetness even more when we have the opportunity to taste the bitter chocolate. This applies to the situation in which old friends do something we dislike. As a case in point, when an old friend does not embrace our ideas in the

presentation, we get to ponder over the issue and be able to ameliorate the presentation for perfection. When an old friend criticizes us for not giving out timely assistance to their troubles, we can take this opportunity to retrospect how we value this friendship. Are we being selfish and take it for granted that friends should always help us, but not vice versa? When an old friend goes out with other group of people, not with us for fun, we can take such chance to make us a better person and change our bad habit. In other words, we all learn new things via such distasteful and repugnant experiences from our old friends. So, I will of course keep friendship with them and take this opportunity to better myself. There must be a reason our old friends turn their back to us and do something unpleasant to us. By taking the chance of self-introspection, I can better aware of my disadvantages and know how to cement the friendship by learning through the hard way.

其次，我們可以從那些做我們不喜歡的事的人身上學到一些東西。阿甘說，「人生就像一盒巧克力。你永遠不會知道自己拿到哪一顆。」也許我們總是喜歡甜一點的巧克力，有時候，當我們有機會嚐到比較苦的巧克力，我們會更珍惜甜美。同樣的道理適用於老朋友做了我們不喜歡的事情的情況。一個恰當的例子是，當老朋友不支持我們在報告中提出的想法時，我們得以思考這個問題並且改善我們的報告，直到完美。當老朋友批評我們，說他們有難時我們沒有及時幫忙，我們可以把握這個機會，回顧我們如何珍惜這段友誼。我們是否自私？認為朋友永遠應該幫我們，天經地義，而非反之亦然？當老朋友跟別人而非我們出去玩，我們可以把握這樣的機會，來讓我們變成更好的人，改變我們的壞習慣。換句話說，我們都學到新東西，透過老朋友給我們的這些令人反感討厭的體驗。所以，我一定會跟他們繼續做朋友，把握這機會，讓自己更好。老朋友背棄我們，做令人不悅的事，一定有其原因。藉由自省的機會，我更能意識到自己的缺點，知道如何鞏固我們的友誼，藉由痛苦的學習。

Certainly, some people might argue that we should not keep the friendship if an old friend does something we do not like. There are millions of people in the world and we need to really find out who we really get along with and who we do not. It is not possible to make friends with all the people in the world. So if they do something we do not like, we shall just discontinue the friendship. True friends will always do things to our liking. However, this is somehow not objective. In life, we tend to do things wrong ourselves and we do not even like it. We have our own conflicts and inner battles over a myriad of issues. This is how we learn in life, through good and bad times. Can we then discontinue the “friendship” with “ourselves”? All in all, if my old friends do something I do not like, I will still keep the friendship, for being more tolerable, learning new things via different ways. Life, after all, is a process along which things we like and things we dislike are all part of it.

當然，有些人可能會論，我們不該延續友誼，如果老朋友做了我們不喜歡的事。世界上有數百萬人，我們需要真的找到，誰是我們能相處的人，誰不是。不可能跟全世界的人做朋友。所以，如果他們做了我們不喜歡的事，我們應該中斷這段友誼。真正的朋友永遠會做我們喜歡的事。然而，這有點不客觀。生活中，我們自己會做錯事，而我們不喜歡。在無數議題上，我們自己有掙扎與內心的交戰。這是我們在生命中所學到的，好壞時光皆然。我們可以與我們自己斷絕友誼嗎？總而言之，如果老朋友做了我不喜歡的事，我還是會保有這段友誼，為了讓我自己更有包容性，從不同的方法學新事物。畢竟，生命是一段過程，過程中，我們喜歡的、不喜歡的都是生命的一部分。

Everyone makes mistakes. We sometimes do things we loathe and we regret so much after that, such as not being fully prepared for the exam, going to the movies instead of schools or even arguing furiously with our parents. “To err is human.” Are we not making friends with ourselves? Are we not learning through those disagreeable situations? For being mature, we should be more tolerating and understanding in friendships. In addition, we can all learn new things through something we do not like, which triggers a special perspective

that we have never encountered or thought in life. Will I not keep the friendship when my old friends do something I dislike? You tell me!

人皆會犯錯。我們有時做我們厭惡的事，而我們為此懊悔，像是沒有好好準備考試，去看電影而不是去學校，甚至是與父母憤怒大吵。「人非聖賢。」我們難道不跟自己做好朋友嗎？我們不是從那些令人不悅的情況中學習嗎？為了成熟，對於友誼我們應該更有包容力與理解力。此外，我們都能從我們不喜歡的東西中學到新的東西，催生出特別的觀點，而這種觀點，是我們人生中從未有過的或想到的。我會不會在老朋友做我不喜歡的事時，不跟他們當朋友？你告訴我吧！