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## ***Desire for Parenthood***

*Do I want to give a child the love he/she needs?  
Is loving easy for me?*

A)Yes, I want nothing more than to have a happy and healthy baby.

B)No, I am not someone who loves easily and I was hoping by having a child it will show my significant other how much I love them.

*What if I have a child and then find out I made the wrong decision?*

A)Wont happen, I have a desire to be a parent and nothing will stop that. I know that I am ready.

B)That is a possibility, my significant other wants one but I don't, I am thinking of having one just to keep them happy.

*What do I want out of life for myself? What do i think is important?*

A)I want a family and a stable relationship that both people feel the same way about taking on new experiences.

B)A family would be nice but I don't know if I will ever be ready so I might just have one to get it over with.



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## ***Emotional Maturity***

*When I am around children for awhile, what do I think or feel about having one around all the time?*

A)I love kids and can never get enough of them, I cant wait to have one of my own running around my house.

B)I don't mind kids, I could probably handle having one around 24/7 but they aren't something I need in my life.

*Is it easy for me to tell other what I want, need, or expect from them?*

A)Yes, if I feel a certain way about something or need to speak my mind I never hesitate.

B)Sometimes, I am okay at it but it's something that my partner and I struggle with doing.

*Could we share our love with a child without any jealousy ?*

A)Yes, we both want a child of our own and want to love him or her endlessly.

B)Probably, I will just need to convince my partner first since they don't want one.

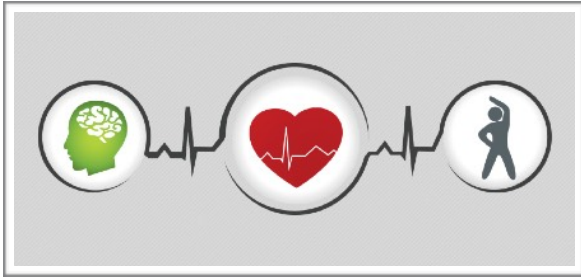


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# **Are You Ready for Parenthood?**

***Answer a few simple questions to figure out if you are ready to take the next step in becoming a parent. If you answer mostly A's you are ready and mostly B's means you need time to think things over.***





## Health

*How would I take care of my child's health and safety? How do I take care of my own?*

A) I will be there for my child and make sure that they are never hurt both physically and mentally because that is what my parents did for me.

B) I will take care of my child but I would wait and try not to go to the doctor, I also have bad eating habits that I can't break. Exercise isn't important in my life.

*Do I expect my child to make my life happy?*

A) Children naturally make you happier to see something of yours to care of, so all I expect is for my life to continue being happy.

B) Yes, I have had a rough past few years and I feel as though having a child will change that and I will have something to look forward to.

*Am I patient enough to deal with the noise, confusion, and 24-hour responsibility? What kind of space and time do I need for myself?*

A) Definitely, I have had a busy upbringing and I adapt well to noise and have good patience.

B) No, I can't wait for anything and I need immediate results or it frustrates me. Need lots of time for me.



## Management Skills

*Do my partner and I understand each other's feelings about religion, work, family, child-raising, future goals? Are we about on the same page?*

A) Yes, that is the first thing my partner and I talked about when taking the next step in life and becoming parents.

B) Not sure, we had a brief conversation about it but they should know me well enough to know what I want.

*Am I willing to give up a great part of my life - at least 18 years - to being responsible for a child?*

A) Yes, I know what I am signing up for and I can't wait to take it on.

B) No, I am hoping to get a bit of a break to take time for myself because I think the time should be equal.

*Would I be willing to give up the freedom to do what I want to do, when I want to do it?*

A) Yes, children are such a great thing to have I am ready to sacrifice my own time.

B) No, I still plan on having my own time and not always caring for a child.



## Finances

*Can I afford to support a child? Do I know how much it takes to raise a child?*

A) Yes, I have arranged my finances to ensure I will be able to support my child through everything.

B) No, I am hoping I will be able to save while they are growing up and have enough to support them.

*Do I want to raise a child in the neighbourhood where I live now? Would I be willing to move?*

A) Yes, the neighbourhood now is perfect and there are lots of other kids around to play with.

B) Not really, my neighbourhood now is a little rough and I don't think it is good for a child but I can't afford to move.

*Could I handle a child and a job at the same time? Would I have the time and energy?*

A) Yes, I am able to take time off and have a steady balance to support both mine and my child's needs.

B) No, I will be working full time and hoping there will be someone to take care of my child so I won't be worn out.