

Parent-Child Relations: An Introduction to Parenting, 10e (Bigner)
Chapter 1 The Evolving Context of Parenting

1.1 Multiple Choice Questions

1) The aspect of parenthood that is concerned with teaching a child how to conform to the typical behaviors of society is known as:

- A) Culturalization
- B) Socialization
- C) Nurturing
- D) Fraternization

Answer: B

2) One key responsibility of parenthood is socialization. This means:

- A) Keeping children safe from harm
- B) Ensuring that children have enough food and a place to live
- C) Helping children learn basic motor skills
- D) Teaching children how to conform to the conventional behaviors in a society

Answer: D

3) Among our society's ideas about parenthood is the notion that parents are responsible for nurturing, teaching, and acting as guardians to their children for how long?

- A) Until their children move out
- B) Until their children reach the age of legal maturity
- C) Until their children reach the age of 12
- D) Until their children decide they no longer need their parents

Answer: B

4) Which of the following scenarios depicts coparenting?

- A) Robert is a single father whose girlfriend sometimes watches his daughter
- B) Patricia and Joe are divorced, but work together to make decisions for their children
- C) Single mother Mary takes her children to visit their grandparents once a month
- D) After Charles got sick, his neighbor Tom started bringing casseroles over once a week to make sure the children had something hot to eat

Answer: B

5) Linda is a single mother with a six-year-old son. Her son's father is not involved. However, Linda's mother helps care for her grandson on a daily basis, and is instrumental in making sure he goes to doctor's appointments, is enrolled in school, and helps provide for him financially. Linda and her mother are examples of:

- A) A Blended Family
- B) A Military Family
- C) The Sandwich Generation
- D) Coparents

Answer: D

6) Coparenting is distinguished by which two factors?

- A) Executive function and emotional attachment
- B) Time spent with child and emotional attachment
- C) Legal designation and time spent with child
- D) Legal designation and executive function

Answer: A

7) Which of the following is TRUE about parenting education and preparation?

- A) A combination of coursework, observation, and learning from other parents confuses new parents and is bad practice
- B) There is no need for parenting programs to be formally assessed, as they are mostly accurate
- C) Current ideas about parenting practices are influenced by social and historical contexts
- D) Parenting classes typically focus on only one factor that influences the outcomes of raising children

Answer: C

8) Which of the following would be the *best* preparation for parenthood?

- A) Watching a TV show on parenting hosted by a prominent celebrity parent
- B) Reading *Baby and Child Care* written by Dr. Spock
- C) Reflecting on one's own childhood and mirroring the practices of their parents
- D) Attending a class that is based on current research

Answer: D

9) The _____ perspective on human development and social behavior examines the bidirectional interrelationships between children, parents, and the changing environmental systems in which they take part.

- A) Cultural
- B) Ecological
- C) Lifespan
- D) Family of Origin

Answer: B

10) Family systems theory describes the parent-child relationship as a(n):

- A) Ecological system
- B) Nested family
- C) Attachment relationship
- D) Subsystem

Answer: D

11) William recently made a bad grade on a history test. As a result, William's parents help him study every night for his next test, and he makes an A. This is an example of which dimension of the parenthood role?

- A) Developmental
- B) Social
- C) Bidirectional
- D) Cognitive

Answer: C

12) The _____ nature of the parent-child relationship illustrates how adults and children influence each other.

- A) Developmental
- B) Blended
- C) Unidirectional
- D) Bidirectional

Answer: D

13) David and Elizabeth just became parents to baby Sarah. They must do everything for her right now: feed her, clothe her, and teach her about the world. As she grows, their responsibilities will change as she is able to do more things for herself. Eventually Sarah may take on the responsibility of caring for her ailing parents. This is an example of which dimension of the parenthood role?

- A) Bidirectional
- B) Social Construct
- C) Family of Origin
- D) Developmental

Answer: D

14) Which of the following is TRUE of family of origin influences?

- A) Our own parents and caregivers serve as models for how we act as parents
- B) The perception of parenting in the family of origin is unrelated to whether adults duplicate those practices
- C) Patterns of parenting from the family of origin are always appropriate to duplicate in the current family
- D) An unhealthy family of origin will not influence an adult's current parenting practices

Answer: A

15) Which of the following illustrates how developmental time influences parenting?

- A) Parents of a five-year-old and an infant treat their children exactly the same
- B) Parents in New York City after 9/11 become more protective over their young children
- C) Parents of a young teenager refuse to give him any more autonomy than he had as a child
- D) A lower class mother has different goals for her children than a middle class mother

Answer: B

16) The effect of maternal perinatal depression on children is an example of which influence on parenting behavior?

- A) Family Structure
- B) Family of Origin
- C) Sociocultural
- D) Personality and Temperament

Answer: D

17) Family Structure influences parenting such that:

- A) Parents of families with living grandparents do not have to do as much work
- B) Parents of blended families and single parents have identical experiences
- C) Parents with fewer children have fewer responsibilities to juggle
- D) All families with a mom and a dad have better outcomes

Answer: C

18) Lisa and Chris's parents are divorced. Their mother has remarried, and they spend most of their time with her. They also spend time with their father every weekend, who lives across town. This is an example of a:

- A) Renested family
- B) Binuclear family
- C) Cohabiting family
- D) Kinship family

Answer: B

19) Which of the following is TRUE of cohabiting couples?

- A) The relationship between cohabiting couples is very different from married couples
- B) Cohabitation always leads to eventual marriage
- C) The number of adults who choose to cohabit is decreasing
- D) Changes in attitudes have made cohabitation less stigmatized in American society

Answer: D

20) Adults living together without being married is referred to as:

- A) Cohabitation
- B) Dual Living
- C) Bihousing
- D) Blending households

Answer: A

21) Which term refers to the idea that both parents will contribute equally and depending on what the situation demands, rather than following traditional gender roles?

- A) Dual Income
- B) Androgyny
- C) Dual Parenting
- D) Cohabitation

Answer: C

22) Which of the following is TRUE of blended families formed by remarriage?

- A) Remarriages have a higher risk of ending in divorce than first marriages
- B) These blended families do not involve children
- C) These blended families are more problematic for children than other family structures
- D) Same-sex couples cannot be in a blended family

Answer: A

23) Families that are formed when an adult who has children remarries or chooses to cohabit are referred to as:

- A) Renested families
- B) Blended Families
- C) Kinship families
- D) Binuclear families

Answer: B

24) Jessica recently lost her job and has returned home to live with her parents until she finds new work. Jessica's family is now an example of a:

- A) Blended family
- B) Kinship family
- C) Sandwich generation
- D) Renested family

Answer: D

25) The differences in parenting styles between socioeconomic groups can be explained by which of the following?

- A) Different goals and intentions for their children's development
- B) Differences in language use inside the home
- C) Differences in values due to earning potential and effects of poverty
- D) Differences in the type of child-care utilized

Answer: C

26) Which of the following terms refers to adults who are caring for their parents as well as their children?

- A) Kinship family
- B) Sandwich generation
- C) Family of Origin
- D) Family of Choice

Answer: B

27) Which of the following is TRUE about co-resident grandparent-grandchild families?

- A) Grandfathers maintain the household in the majority of families
- B) Failing health of grandparents is not a significant concern
- C) They are typically created because the grandchildren's parents are too busy to care for them
- D) Financial struggles can plague grandparents, with some applying for public assistance

Answer: D

28) Anthony and Nancy suffer from addiction and related challenges leaving them unfit to raise their two children. Their children have moved in with Nancy's parents, who intend to raise them for the foreseeable future. Based on this scenario, Nancy's parents are an example of:

- A) Custodial Grandparents
- B) Sandwich Generation
- C) Binuclear Family
- D) Attachment Figures

Answer: A

- 29) Which of the following reasons contributes to the unique challenges military families face?
- A) Each phase of the adjustment cycle contains particular stressors that also affect children and spouses
 - B) Families of choice often do not provide as much support as genetically related families
 - C) There is no treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder
 - D) The military experience is only shared by a small group of Americans

Answer: A

- 30) The temporary loss of a family member, paired with uncertainty about their position in the family in the future, is called:

- A) Missing Parent Syndrome
- B) Ambiguous Loss
- C) Disenfranchised Grief
- D) Military Family Loss

Answer: B

- 31) Daniel's father has been deployed to Afghanistan for four months. Daniel feels as though he is losing his father, and is further concerned by the idea that his father may be seriously injured or killed during his deployment. Daniel is experiencing feelings of:

- A) Social Connectedness
- B) Emotional Resilience
- C) Ambiguous Loss
- D) Long-Distance Parenting

Answer: C

- 32) According to recent research, which of the following is TRUE of military marriages?

- A) Marriage stability is unrelated to length or number of deployments
- B) Marriage stability does not vary in relation to age at the time of marriage
- C) The stability of many marriages is enhanced by deployment.
- D) Marriage stability is greater in couples experiencing fewer deployments

Answer: C

- 33) A marriage that includes several adults is broadly referred to as:

- A) Morganatic Marriage
- B) Polyandry
- C) Family of Choice
- D) Polygamy

Answer: D

- 34) A marriage between two people from different social classes involving the transference of power is called:

- A) Kinship Marriage
- B) Morganatic Marriage
- C) Polyamorous Marriage
- D) Socioeconomic Marriage

Answer: B

35) In order to prevent the transfer of rights, rank, or money in a morganatic marriage, some individuals partake in:

- A) Annulments
- B) Right-hand marriages
- C) Left-hand marriages
- D) Prenuptial agreements

Answer: C

36) The parenting role is developmental and a lifespan pursuit. This means that:

- A) Only the developmental stage of the child influences parenting behavior
- B) Parents must develop their beliefs about parenting when their child is born
- C) Parent and child development helps shape parenting behaviors and interactions
- D) Children remain dependent on their parents throughout their entire lifespan

Answer: C

37) Overall, American parents raise their children to be independent and self-reliant, whereas parents in other parts of the world place more emphasis on duty to family and community. This is an example of which dimension of the parenting role?

- A) Bidirectional relationship
- B) Social construct
- C) Lifespan pursuit
- D) Family as a system

Answer: B

38) Renested families are families who have:

- A) Relocated to a new state due to a parent's career
- B) Children who return to the home after becoming independent
- C) Moved to be closer to children and grandchildren
- D) Recently had a baby and must adjust to the new family member

Answer: B

39) Families that are created without relying solely on shared genetics or legal or parental status are referred to as:

- A) Families of Choice
- B) Blended Families
- C) Kinship Families
- D) Binuclear Families

Answer: A

40) Which of the following is accurate regarding the factors that influence someone's parenting style and behavior?

- A) Children do not have a significant influence on their parents
- B) Where a family lives or their socioeconomic status has little influence on parenting behavior and style
- C) People can be significantly influenced by the model of parenting provided by their own parents
- D) Single parents and coparents display identical parenting styles and behaviors

Answer: C

41) An example of a coparent is:

- A) A temporary child care worker
- B) A step-parent
- C) A babysitter
- D) A biological parent who has abandoned the family

Answer: B

42) Parenthood is a social construct. This statement means that:

- A) It is a social role based on a given meaning that is particular to a certain historical time
- B) All societies define what is appropriate behavior in this role in the same way
- C) Parenting inherently involves socializing with other parents
- D) It is a social institution with written guidelines handed down through the generations

Answer: A

43) The parent-child relationship is currently viewed as a bond that is both:

- A) Unidirectional and developmental
- B) Unidirectional and static
- C) Bidirectional and developmental
- D) Bidirectional and static

Answer: C

44) Family systems theory describes family functioning in a way that resembles:

- A) Industrialized nations, using metaphors of cars, buildings, and metropolitan areas
- B) Other systems in nature, such as the solar system and ecological systems
- C) A legal scale, referring to justice and injustice
- D) The development of language, such as the various techniques of translation

Answer: B

45) Family of origin influences refer to the way:

- A) Families can be influenced by social class, education, or peer values
- B) Children can impact parental behavior
- C) Developmentally appropriate discipline and structure can impact the family
- D) Parents tend to model from the family of their own childhood

Answer: D

46) Families with children who have access to two families, usually as a result of parental divorce, are called:

- A) Binuclear families
- B) Beanpole families
- C) Extended families
- D) Families of origin

Answer: A

47) Contrary to popular perception, research has shown that:

- A) Blended families are worse off than other family forms
- B) Blended families are better off than other family forms
- C) Blended families face the exact same challenges as other family forms
- D) Blended families face distinct challenges, but are no better or worse off than other family forms

Answer: D

48) There is a need for parenting education because:

- A) Serious events occurring in families and in society point to the need to learn how to be a competent parent
- B) People should be licensed to be parents just as they are licensed to drive a car
- C) People think that parenting is an easy, intuitive task that anyone can do well
- D) Parenting is a mother's task only

Answer: A

49) Which of the following is a characteristic of the parent-child relationship?

- A) The parent-child relationship is part of a larger social system
- B) People do not adapt their parenting behavior as children grow
- C) Parenthood is exclusively dependent on its historical context
- D) Parenting is instinctive; all parents are natural experts

Answer: A

50) Parenthood is considered to be a developmental role because:

- A) Parenting behavior should change and adapt in tandem with changing developmental needs of children
- B) Parents are individuals like children
- C) The definition of parenting is constantly changing in society
- D) We remain constant as people, and the same applies to children

Answer: A

51) Which of the following is TRUE of the factors that influence parenting style and behavior?

- A) Cultural influences are irrelevant
- B) Family of origin experiences can have a strong influence
- C) Regardless of birth order, children experience the same parenting style
- D) Education concerning parenting techniques does not make a difference

Answer: B

52) Parenting is described as:

- A) A developmental role
- B) A task that stays constant over time
- C) A relationship between a child and a parent that is simple
- D) A unidirectional endeavor

Answer: A

53) The definition of a coparent or coparents is:

- A) Two people teaming up to take care of a child temporarily
- B) A sperm donor who never met his biological child
- C) An ongoing commitment to teach someone how to be a better parent
- D) An ongoing and serious commitment to a child's well-being in a parental manner

Answer: D

54) Which family theory explains how a family functions and strives to maintain stability over time?

- A) Solution-based theory
- B) Lifespan development theory
- C) Family systems theory
- D) Binuclear theory

Answer: C

55) People need training and education about parenthood because:

- A) This relationship can cause harm or bring benefits to a child's development
- B) It is possible to learn how to parent children appropriately rather than depend upon what one observed from one's own parents
- C) Education about parenting can contradict erroneous impressions gained from the media about what this role involves
- D) All of the above are correct

Answer: D

56) Notions about parenthood include:

- A) The idea that school teachers are children's principal teachers
- B) Adults acting as guardians for children without emotional investment
- C) Adults nurturing children and preparing them for adulthood
- D) The thought that it is a chore that should be outsourced to professionals

Answer: C

57) Parenting can be described by which of the following characteristics?

- A) It is unidirectional in nature
- B) It extends over the lifespan of a child until adolescence
- C) It is developmental and lifespan focused
- D) It is fully completed when the child reaches maturity

Answer: C

58) All of the following characterize single-parent families, EXCEPT:

- A) The majority are headed by women
- B) Divorce is the major factor in producing single-parent families
- C) Single-parent families headed by women are likely to experience financial difficulties
- D) Men cannot head single-parent families

Answer: D

59) Which of the following is accurate regarding co-resident grandparent-grandchild families?

- A) These families are created when elderly adults adopt young children
- B) These families represent a system that includes the oldest generation in meeting family needs
- C) These families experience few financial difficulties
- D) These families occur only among immigrant families

Answer: B

60) A parent's parenting style is predominantly influenced by:

- A) How one was parented oneself, and related experiences
- B) Ancestral family factors, especially SES
- C) Peer group attitudes about discipline and rigor
- D) Guidelines by any popular self-help book

Answer: A

61) In the unidirectional model of parent-child relations, the child is depicted as:

- A) A learner receiving information from their parent
- B) Having an influence on the adult's behavior
- C) In control of social power in the parental relationship
- D) An equal participant in the parenting process

Answer: A

62) In which of the following areas do children influence the lives of adults?

- A) Parental illness and genetic outcomes
- B) Family financial resources and earning potential
- C) Systemically in virtually all areas of parental lives
- D) Employment status and work achievement

Answer: C

63) Parenthood as a construct is best described as:

- A) A social institution based on complex values, beliefs, and behaviors
- B) An educational role based on certain historical requirements
- C) Exclusively defined by what is culturally appropriate
- D) A constructive obligation to society

Answer: A

64) A parenting style that is synchronized with the child's developmental level is:

- A) Expecting an infant to behave like a school-age child
- B) Adjusting parenting style in response to developmental age
- C) Giving a teenager the same freedoms as a preschooler
- D) Using words that are too advanced and abstract for age level

Answer: B

65) Coparenting always refers to:

- A) Individuals biologically related to the child
- B) Individuals living in the same household as the child
- C) Adults sharing responsibility and influence in an ongoing parental-like manner
- D) Foster parents who take on a permanent role in the life of the child

Answer: C

66) Boomerang kids are associated with:

- A) Problem behavior in adolescence
- B) Blended families
- C) A return to the parental home base
- D) Children and adolescents who are members of binuclear families

Answer: C

1.2 True/False Questions

1) Originally, parenthood was primarily tied only to the act of reproduction.

Answer: TRUE

2) Human children spend less time dependent on adults compared to other species.

Answer: FALSE

3) The quality of a coparenting relationship is determined only by the parents' education and income levels.

Answer: FALSE

4) Coparenting is distinguished by having both an emotional attachment to the child as well as some level of executive decision making capability.

Answer: TRUE

5) Federal law currently states that all parents go through training prior to the birth of their child.

Answer: FALSE

6) Family systems theory posits that families work to maintain stability in the system over time, adapting to rules, roles, goals, and behaviors.

Answer: TRUE

7) The value of parenthood and appropriate parenting behaviors are the same throughout every society and culture.

Answer: FALSE

8) Social changes such as the emergence of the World Wide Web, shifting gender roles, and debates focused on civil rights have contributed to changes in the family and parenthood.

Answer: TRUE

9) Having two opposite-sex parents present in the home is always best for children.

Answer: FALSE

10) Members of Generations X and Y are more likely to emphasize work and family equally.

Answer: TRUE

11) Parenting styles reflect the interaction between individual parents and their child-rearing goals.

Answer: TRUE

12) Humans do not need extensive education or preparation for parenthood, as these skills are instinctive.

Answer: FALSE

13) Children have very little influence over how their parents behave in the parenting role.

Answer: FALSE

14) According to family systems theory, the parent-child relationship is described as a subsystem within a larger system.

Answer: TRUE

15) The parenting role differs from other adult roles in that one's behavior in this role must change in tandem with the changes children experience as they grow older.

Answer: TRUE

16) Someone's behavior as a parent is not significantly affected by cultural factors such as socioeconomic status.

Answer: FALSE

17) Adult children involved in renested families are known as boomerang kids.

Answer: TRUE

18) Custodial grandparent-grandchild families are typically created when parents experience some type of personal problem that prevents them from performing effectively in the parenting role.

Answer: TRUE

19) Ecology is an interdisciplinary branch of biology that examines the interrelationships between organisms and their environment.

Answer: TRUE