

Child Studies 11
(1b) Choosing to Parent
ASSESSMENT

Name: _____
Date: _____

Jessie and Alex have been dating for 2 years. They are both 17 years old and still in high school. They have broken up several times but always end up back together and are currently pretty happy in their relationship. Jessie is afraid that Alex might want to go away to university and doesn't want to go away herself. She has always wanted to be a mother and has no interest in working outside the home. She is trying to convince Alex that having a baby would help their relationship. Alex loves Jessie and is curious about what their baby would be like, but is undecided about having a baby to take care of for the next 20 years.

Reasons:

Find three types of "reasons" from the above case and record them below in point form. Use your notes as a guide.

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Poor reasons to plan for a child

Reasons NOT to plan for a child

**What decision do you recommend for this case, based on the given information?
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Monica and Dan have been married for 24 years. Their third and youngest child has recently moved out of the family home to attend university in another province. They are finding the house very quiet and somewhat lonely without kids and have found that their relationship is changing... they seem to be arguing more lately. On a more positive note, Dan's high blood pressure issues have recently gotten better since the household activities have calmed down with the kids being gone. Monica and Dan have been discussing the possibility of becoming foster parents. They love kids and have lots of room in their home. Their children think this is a wonderful idea, especially the youngest, who has always wanted to be a big brother. He is trying to talk his parents into becoming foster parents, too.

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Amy and Ryan are 19 years old and have been dating for a year and a half. The relationship is healthy and they are happy together. Amy has recently completed a one-year college course in public relations. Ryan has not finished high school but works with his dad in a family-owned construction business. Amy has not yet found work but there seem to be an abundance of jobs in her field. They are moving in together next month and are thinking of planning a baby sometime in the next year so they can be a “real family”.

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Read the following three cases carefully. You are to identify good and poor reasons for choosing to plan a child and also reasons not to have a child. Then state the possible consequences for each choice and give your recommendation with an explanation.

Darla is a 38 year old single woman. She has established a successful career as an accountant and lives in a three-bedroom house near her work, where she has lots of flexibility in her job. Many of Darla's friends are now parents and she feels that she is missing out on an experience. She is also tired of the jokes about being "an old spinster" and "crazy Aunt Darla". Darla grew up in a large family and sometimes misses the noise and chaos. She is considering visiting a sperm bank in order to become pregnant.

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