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**IS PARENTING FOR ME?**

After reading each of the situations below, answer the following questions in the spaces provided:

1. Identify positive and negative reasons this couple should have/not have a baby.
2. What decisions do you think the couple should make? Explain your answer.

**Couple #1**

Sue is 36 and Carlos is 40. They have been married for five years. They would like to begin a family. They are both in good health. They thoroughly enjoy their jobs and they make a comfortable income. They gave enough savings that sue could stay home with the baby for a year.

**Positive Reasons**

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**What decision do you think the couple should make and why?**

**Couple #2**

Sam and Louise have been married for five years. Both are 26. Louise is a secretary and earns about $1,500.00 a month. Sam has graduated from college and is working part time at the grocery store until he gets a full time job. They gave no savings.

**Positive Reasons**

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**What decision do you think the couple should make and why?**

**Couple #3**

Tony and Janae have been married for three years. Janae has a daughter from the previous marriage. Tony was diagnosed with severe diabetes when he was five years old. He has learned how to manage this disease and its relatively healthy. The whole family would like to have a baby. But Tony is afraid he will pass the diabetes on to the baby. The doctor has told them that this could definitely happen.

**Positive Reasons**

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**What decision do you think the couple should make and why?**

**Couple #4**

Sonya and Derrick are both successful personnel managers in different companies. They have both worked for the past ten years and they have saved a large sum of money. They planned on having children after three years of marriage. But they both enjoyed work so much that they kept postponing having a baby. Sonya is now 39 and Derrick is 37. They both still love their jobs. Derrick is more anxious to have a baby than Sonya.

**Positive Reasons**

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**What decision should the couple make and why?**

**Couple #5**

Dixie. 28, and Joe, 29. Just got married. Dixie wants to have a baby. Joe says he does not want to have children for several years. This topic is becoming the source of contention on their marriage.

**Positive Reasons**

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**What decision should the couple make and why?**

**Couple #6**

Henry is 19 and manages his father’s auto body shop. Sue is 19 and is a teller at the local bank. They were married six months ago. Their parents keep hinting that they want to have grandchildren. They have no maternity insurance and both want to attend the local applied technology center for some additional training in their jobs.

**Positive Reasons**

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**What decision should the couple make and why?**

**Couple #7**

Brenda has one year left at college. Bob just graduated. Neither are employed, but are hopeful that Bob will land a high-paying job. They have been married for two years and are anxious to have a baby. Most of their friends have at least one child and they are feeling left behind. They are both 26.

**Positive Reasons**

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