

NAME _____

HOUR _____

WOULD I MAKE A GOOD PARENT?

The following list of questions has been prepared to help you understand parenthood. Each question presents an issue that you may face as a parent. There are no right or wrong answers. Indicate your answer to each question by drawing a circle around the "YES," "NO," or "?."

- YES NO ? 1. Do you like yourself?
- YES NO ? 2. Do you think you would make a good parent?
- YES NO ? 3. My family is important to me and I want to have a family of my own.
- YES NO ? 4. Is it easy for you to make changes in your life?
- YES NO ? 5. Are you patient?
- YES NO ? 6. Are you tolerant of people who have different ideas than you?
- YES NO ? 7. Are you responsible and able to complete difficult tasks?
- YES NO ? 8. Do you like to work or play with small children?
- YES NO ? 9. Do you like to read or tell stories to children?
- YES NO ? 10. Do you ordinarily feel concerned when you see a child crying?
- YES NO ? 11. Do you answer a child's questions in a teasing way?
- YES NO ? 12. If you had children, would you have a strong preference for a particular gender?
- YES NO ? 13. If you had a child, do you know what vocation you would want him/her to have when he/she grew up?
- YES NO ? 14. Can you identify any specific skills or abilities that would be helpful to someone who works with children?
- YES NO ? 15. Do you ever have the feeling that children would interfere with your plans or happiness in marriage?
- YES NO ? 16. Do you believe the saying "Spare the rod and spoil the child"?

- YES NO ? 17. Think about how your parents have treated you. Do you have some ideas of specific ways you will or will not treat your children?
- YES NO ? 18. Do you think the mother has a greater responsibility than the father in rearing children?
- YES NO ? 19. Would you feel humiliated and embarrassed if your 7-year-old child had been found to have stolen some money?
- YES NO ? 20. Do you have habits or past experiences that you would never want your child to know about?
- YES NO ? 21. Would you be embarrassed to have your friends know that you sometimes babysit small children?
- YES NO ? 22. Does a child's play and talking get on your nerves?
- YES NO ? 23. When you tell a small child to do something, do you think he/she should obey immediately?
- YES NO ? 24. Does it bother you to hear a child cry?
- YES NO ? 25. Do you think parents should spend a great deal of time playing and talking with their children?

Write the answer to the following questions in the space below.

19. What are some qualities that you possess that would make you a good parent? How will they make you a good parent?
20. What are some traits you need to improve in order to be a good parent? If you do not improve these traits, how could they hinder you from becoming a good parent?

REMEMBER: You will grow into parenting. Just as a baby learns to walk and talk, you will learn to be a good parent. Parenting skills are not automatically born when the baby is. You will be a wonderful parent if you are prepared and ready to assume the responsibilities involved with the job!