



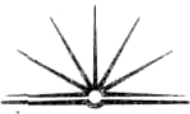
~~Question 17 - Parenting & Caring.~~

~~A) Having a child in a woman's late forties can cause embarrassment. This may be for both mother and child as the generation gap is quite large. It may also affect the family as she may already be a grandmother. Having to prepare for a baby she may lose her social life which means that she may lose her friends. This is because after a child is born she is unable to go out anymore.~~

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A) A lot of time is required by a new baby and they need constant care which means that the mother will not be able to go out as much anymore and may lose her place in her social group.

A baby born by an older couple may



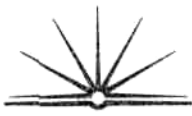
cause embarrassment because of the generation gaps as the norm is that parents usually have their children at an earlier age.

As the child is growing up she will see that their friends parents are younger than them. This may be embarrassing.

It can also be hard raising a child leading into retirement. The mother may also find that because of her age her employer may find it easier to get someone new and younger to work rather than give her job back to her.

B) Culture and religion influence parenting and caring relationships as often a persons culture determines their values, standards and morals.

Children may not always understand



Why the things that they do are different to that of other children. Why there are restrictions they have because of their religion or culture that others don't have.

For example in the Aboriginal culture the care of a child is taken on by the whole community rather than just the mother and fathers making relationships stronger with relatives.

Often cousins think of each other as brothers and sisters.

Religions such as Catholicism and Christianity all set standards on so children often can't do the same things as other people are doing. This at times may cause conflict between children & parents.

C) It is true that most parents' styles of parenting are similar to those of



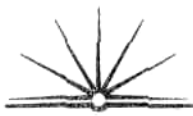
their own parents and their upbringing strongly influences their parenting styles. For example if you were brought up in an Authoritative Situation chances are that will be how you raise your children.

There are many things that influence the way that parents bring up their children. Such as:

Media: Often at times parents watch tv and think of that as the 'norm'.

They change or make their style of parenting to suite this 'norm'. They are often also influenced in regard to material goods. Things such as what nappies and baby products to buy.

Newspapers and radios also effect how parents behave towards their children as well as books on parenting and



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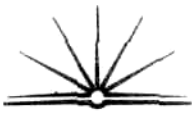
Neighbours, Friends & relatives: All these people influence the way a parent brings up their child. Parents watch each others styles of parenting once again to find the 'norm' and often make their styles suite this.

Schools / teachers: Parents often look for schools that rienforce their parenting styles and their values and standards.

Culture: this effects parenting styles as culture sets values and standards.

Therefor parents will bring up their children according to these values and standards.

There are four parenting styles which are all very different. Authoritarian is where the parents set the standards and leave no room for discussion. This



does not teach children necessary decision making skills.

Authoritative is where parents set standards but the reasoning is explained. They encourage independence and the child feels they can openly talk about their problems.

Permissive style is where the parents practice little control over the child. They do not set standards and often the child feels unloved or uncared for.

The child also may find it hard to make decisions.

Negligent style is where the parents are unable or unwilling to give, emotional, physical or social support to their children. In most cases this style of parenting leads to abuse and leaves the child in moral danger.

Although parenting styles may differ and



many things may influence parenting styles, usually parents all have one main purpose or goal. It is that they bring up a healthy and happy child in the best way that they know how. They want to make sure that their child is fully supported, emotionally, socially, physically, mentally and financially and that parent and child/ren have a good healthy relationship based on trust, love and support.