

A) After having her first child at 40 years old a woman will experience some social changes such as the type of activities she previously participated in will change, instead of going to ~~adult concerts~~ ~~get together with~~ she will be taking her child to childrens entertainment (eg The wiggles). Her social group will also change as she will associate more with parents with young children. She will not have as much financial freedom anymore as she has to pay for the child's expenses, which she has never had to do before.

Also her work patterns will change as she has probably been working full time for a long time, now she can't do that as she has the responsibility of a child.

B) Depending on culture or religion parenting and caring relationships differ. Different cultures have different expectations and therefore will impose different restrictions on children and their behaviours. The Australian culture is laid back and parents tend to give more freedom to their children, however the ~~western~~ Muslim culture is very strict, particularly with girls and therefore their children are given much less freedom in comparison to other Australian children.

Also living in a multicultural society means that people get a taste of many cultures but they may often conflict especially when parents put their children in the care of others who may have a different view to them, this is where conflict may arise between cultural beliefs and attitudes. It is important that all cultures be tolerant of each other.

c) All parents want to bring up their child according to their own parental attitudes. These attitudes may be influenced by how they themselves were brought up. They may try to instil values or behaviours in their children that their parents taught them, or they may wish to avoid certain parenting methods their own parents used with them which they feel is ineffective.

Their parenting style or attitude may also be influenced by things they have read, possibly about discipline and which method is most effective. Parents may also use methods of parenting that they have seen family or friends use which is effective, eg, how to establish sleeping patterns, toilet training. Also by observing and learning parents can determine which parenting style will best suit the way they wish to bring up their own child.

Parenting styles will depend on the way in which parents view their responsibilities.

An Authoritarian style would be a parent who gives orders and does not trust children to make their own decisions, the child would have difficulty making decisions and the demands the parent makes on the child would be to suit themselves. This parenting style fosters poor communication as the child often feels they can't discuss problems.

An Authoritative makes frequent maturity demands on children teaching them to make decisions and take responsibility. They often have a healthy relationship which fosters communication and affection.

Democratic parenting involves all the family being involved in decision making, whereas a permissive parent holds little regard for parental responsibility and their children often feel they are making decisions that they don't

knew the consequences of. Each of these styles recognise parental responsibility, just to different degrees. ~~Permissive~~ Parents must set limits for children but depending on their style of parenting these limits will differ and therefore so will the child's behaviour, a child of a permissive parent will have poor behaviours due to few limits in comparison to a child of an authoritarian parent.

Education is also a parental responsibility which is influenced by parenting styles, with each style setting differing importance on education. An authoritarian will be strict with study, whereas a permissive will not provide much encouragement.

All parents have an ideal image of what they want their child to be like, but the end result relies on the particular parenting style that is used. A child will be shaped into an adult by what



their parents teach them the way in which parents exercise their responsibilities which is ultimately influenced by the parenting style they adopt.