

Parental Authority Questionnaire**Developmental Psychology**
A.P. Psychology

Name _____

Date _____

Period _____

Instructions: For each of the following statements, choose the number on the 5-point scale (1 = *strongly disagree*, 5 = *strongly agree*) that best describes how that statement applies to you and your parent(s). Try to read and think about each statement as it applies to you and your parent(s) during your years of growing up at home. There are no right or wrong answers, so don't spend a lot of time on anyone item. We are looking for your overall impression regarding each statement. Be sure not to omit any items.

- 1 = Strongly disagree
2 = Disagree
3 = Neither agree nor disagree
4 = Agree
5 = Strongly agree

Circle 1 ma / pa	Circle 1 ma / pa	Statement
		1. While I was growing up my parent felt that in a well-run home the children should have their way in the family as often as the parents do.
		2. Even if his/her children didn't agree with him/her, my parent felt that it was for our own good if we were forced to conform to what s/he thought was right.
		3. Whenever my parent told me to do something as I was growing up, s/he expected me to do it immediately without asking any questions.
		4. As I was growing up, once family policy had been established, my parent discussed the reasoning behind the policy with the children in the family.
		5. My parent has always encouraged verbal give-and-take whenever I have felt that family rules and restrictions were unreasonable.
		6. My parent has always felt that what children need is to be free to make up their own minds and to do what they want to do, even if this does not agree with what their parents might want.
		7. As I was growing up my parent did not allow me to question any decision s/he had made.
		8. As I was growing up my parent directed the activities and decisions of the children in the family through reasoning and discipline.
		9. My parent has always felt that more force should be used by parents in order to get their children to behave the way they are supposed to.
		10. As I was growing up my parent did <i>not</i> feel that I needed to obey rules and regulations of behavior simply because someone in authority had established them.
		11. As I was growing up I knew what my parent expected of me in my family, but I also felt free to discuss those expectations with my parent when I felt that they were unreasonable.
		12. My parent felt that wise parents should teach their children early just who is boss in the family.
		13. As I was growing up, my parent seldom gave me expectations and guidelines for my behavior.
		14. Most of the time as I was growing up my parent did what the children in the family wanted when making family decisions.
		15. As the children in my family were growing up, my parent consistently gave us direction and guidance in rational and objective ways.

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		16. As I was growing up my parent would get very upset if I tried to disagree with his/her.
		17. My parent feels that most problems in society would be solved if parents would <i>not</i> restrict their children's activities, decisions, and desires as they are growing up.
		18. As I was growing up my parent let me know what behavior s/he expected of me, and if I didn't meet those expectations, s/he punished me.
		19. As I was growing up my parent allowed me to decide most things for myself without a lot of direction from his/her.
		20. As I was growing up my parent took the children's opinions into consideration when making family decisions, but s/he would not decide for something simply because the children wanted it.
		21. My parent did not view herself as responsible for directing and guiding my behavior as I was growing up.
		22. My parent had clear standards of behavior for the children in our home as I was growing up, but s/he was willing to adjust those standards to the needs of each of the individual children in the family.
		23. My parent gave me direction for my behavior and activities as I was growing up and s/he expected me to follow his/her direction, but s/he was always willing to listen to my concerns and to discuss that direction with me.
		24. As I was growing up my parent allowed me to form my own point of view on family matters and s/he generally allowed me to decide for myself what I was going to do.
		25. My parent has always felt that most problems in society would be solved if we could get parents to strictly and forcibly deal with their children when they don't do what they are supposed to as they are growing up.
		26. As I was growing up my parent often told me exactly what s/he wanted me to do and how s/he expected me to do it.
		27. As I was growing up my parent gave me clear direction for my behaviors and activities, but s/he was also understanding when I disagreed with his/her.
		28. As I was growing up my parent did not direct the behaviors, activities, and desires of the children in the family.
		29. As I was growing up I knew what my parent expected of me in the family and s/he insisted that I conform to those expectations simply out of respect for his/her authority.
		30. As I was growing up, if my parent made a decision in the family that hurt me, s/he was willing to discuss that decision with me and to admit it if s/he had made a mistake.