INTERVIEWER READ: “Now I am going to read you some statements about parenting and raising children. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, are uncertain, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement.”

Scale items:

1. Young people should be expected to comfort their mother when she is feeling blue.

2. Parents should teach their children right from wrong by sometimes using physical punishment.

3. Children should be the main source of comfort and care for their parents.

4. Young people should be expected to hug their mother when she is sad.

5. Parents will spoil their children by picking them up and comforting them when they cry.

6. Children should be expected to verbally express themselves before the age of one year.

7. A good child will comfort both of his/her parents after the parents have argued.

8. Children will learn good behavior through the use of physical punishment.

9. Children develop good, strong characters through very strict discipline.

10. Parents should expect their children who are under three years to begin taking care of themselves.

11. Young children should be aware of ways to comfort their parents after a hard day’s work.

12. Parents should slap their child when she/he has done something wrong.

13. Children should always be spanked when they misbehave.

14. Young children should be responsible for much of the happiness of their parents.

15. Parents have a responsibility to spank their child when she/he misbehaves.

16. Parents should expect children to feed themselves by twelve months.
17. Parents should expect their children to grow physically at about the same rate.

18. Young children who feel secure often grow up expecting too much.

19. Children should always pay the price for misbehaving.

20. Children should be expected at an early age to feed, bathe, and clothe themselves.

21. Parents who are sensitive to their children’s feelings and moods often spoil their children.

22. Children deserve more discipline than they get.

23. Children whose needs are left unattended will often grow up to be more independent.

24. Parents who encourage communication with their children only end up listening to complaints.

25. Children are more likely to learn appropriate behavior when they are spanked for misbehaving.

26. Children will quit crying faster if they are ignored.

27. Children five months of age ought to be capable of sensing what their parents expect.

28. Children who are given too much love by their parents will grow up to be stubborn and spoiled.

29. Children should be forced to respect parental authority.

30. Young children should try to make their parent’s life more pleasurable.

31. Young children who are hugged and kissed often will grow up to be sissies.

32. Young children should be expected to comfort their father when he is upset.

Response Categories

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Uncertain
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree