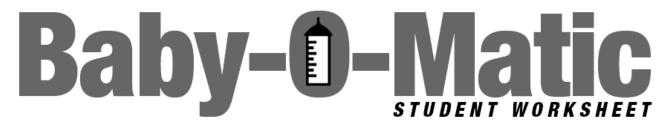
Baby-O-Matic

Complete the Student Worksheet using the table on the next page.



Want to know how many children you'll have? Take the BABY-O-MATIC Quiz!

For each number, circle the statement that best describes you and your lifestyle:

1. Family life

- A. I plan never to marry.
- B. When I marry, both I and my spouse will share in important decisions.
- C. When I marry, only the man in the couple will make important decisions.

2. Education

- A. I don't know how to read, and I don't expect I will ever learn.
- B. I know how to read, but I do not expect to graduate from high school.
- C. I will definitely finish high school, and may continue my formal education.

3. Social security

- A. When I grow old, or am unable to work, I expect my family to provide for me.
- B. I hope to rely on my personal savings, when I grow old, or am unable to work.
- C. When I grow old, or am unable to work, the government will take care of me.

4. Status symbols

- A. I believe that the position I hold in the workplace, and the money that I accumulate in life are the most important gauges of how successful I have been.
- B. A large family is much more important to me than a successful career.
- C. My status in the workplace is important to me, but family is equally important.

5. Time and money management

- A. Raising children takes a lot of time and money, and I would rather be doing other things with those resources.
- B. Raising children may be expensive, but is something that I want to do with my life.
- C. My children will be very useful to me as workers, and will help support the family.

Health

- A. If I have children, I'd expect them to have long, full lives.
- B. If I have children, there is a good chance that they wouldn't live very long.

7. Personal beliefs

- A. I have been taught that my responsibility in life is to have as many children as I can, and I intend to do just that.
- B. I believe that no one should tell me how many children I should have. That decision is for me and my spouse to make.
- C. I believe that the world just has too many people, and we'd all be better off if there were fewer.

8. Timing

- A. I'd like to be a parent by the time I turn 20.
- B. If I'm not a parent by the time I turn 40, no problem.
- C. I'd like to be a parent by the time I turn 35.

Source: A World of Six Billion – Wall Chart and Activity Guide, ZPG Population Education Program, http://www.zpg.org/

Complete this table from your own point of view.			
Aspect of Life	Statement	Points	
Family life			
Education	200		
Social security	40		
Status symbols			
Time and money management	2 m		
Health	- 30		
Personal beliefs			
Timing	65		
	Total		

Complete this table from the point of view of somebody who lives in a LEDC.			
Aspect of Life	Statement	Points	
Family life			
Education			
Social security			
Status symbols			
Time and money management			
Health	Barrier SS		
Personal beliefs	65 80		
Timing			
	Total		

