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## Baby-O-Matic

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

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## STUDENT WORKSHEET

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.

**6. 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		
Social security		
Status symbols		
Time and money management		
Health		
Personal beliefs		
Timing		
		Total

Complete this table from the point of view of somebody who lives in a LEDC.		
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