

Directions:

Read the following text. Choose the best word(s) for each numbered blank and mark A, B, C or D on the **ANSWER SHEET**. (10 points)

Being a good parent is, of course, what every parent would like to be. But defining what it means to be a good parent is undoubtedly very 1, particularly since children respond differently to the same style of parenting. A calm, rule-following child might respond better to a different sort of parenting than, 2, a younger sibling.

3, there's another sort of parent that's a bit easier to 4: a patient parent. Children of every age benefit from patient parenting. Still, 5 every parent would like to be patient, this is no easy 6. Sometimes parents get exhausted and frustrated and are unable to maintain a 7 and composed style with their kids. I understand this.

You're only human, and sometimes your kids can 8 you just a little too far. And then the 9 happens: You lose your patience and either scream at your kids or say something that was a bit too 10 and does nobody any good. You wish that you could 11 the clock and start over. We've all been there.

12, even though it's common, it's important to keep in mind that in a single moment of fatigue, you can say something to your child that you may 13 for a long time. This may not only do damage to your relationship with your child but also 14 your child's self-esteem.

If you consistently lose your 15 with your kids, then you are inadvertently modeling a lack of emotional control for your kids. We are all becoming increasingly aware of the 16 of modeling tolerance and patience for the younger generation. This is a skill that will help them all throughout life. In fact, the ability to emotionally regulate or maintain emotional control when 17 by stress is one of the most important of all life's skills.

Certainly, it's incredibly 18 to maintain patience at all times with your children. A more practical goal is to try, to the best of your ability, to be as tolerant and composed as you can when faced with 19 situations involving your children. I can promise you this: As a result of working toward this goal, you and your children will benefit and 20 from stressful moments feeling better physically and emotionally.

1. [A] tedious
[B] pleasant
[C] instructive
[D] tricky
2. [A] in addition
[B] for example
[C] at once
[D] by accident

3. [A] Fortunately
[B] Occasionally
[C] Accordingly
[D] Eventually
4. [A] amuse
[B] assist
[C] describe
[D] train
5. [A] while
[B] because
[C] unless
[D] once
6. [A] answer
[B] task
[C] choice
[D] access
7. [A] tolerant
[B] formal
[C] rigid
[D] critical
8. [A] move
[B] drag
[C] push
[D] send
9. [A] mysterious
[B] illogical
[C] suspicious
[D] inevitable
10. [A] boring
[B] naive
[C] harsh
[D] vague
11. [A] turn back
[B] take apart
[C] set aside
[D] cover up

12. [A] Overall
[B] Instead
[C] However
[D] Otherwise
13. [A] like
[B] miss
[C] believe
[D] regret
14. [A] raise
[B] affect
[C] justify
[D] reflect
15. [A] time
[B] bond
[C] race
[D] cool
16. [A] nature
[B] secret
[C] importance
[D] context
17. [A] cheated
[B] defeated
[C] confused
[D] confronted
18. [A] terrible
[B] hard
[C] strange
[D] wrong
19. [A] trying
[B] changing
[C] exciting
[D] surprising
20. [A] hide
[B] emerge
[C] withdraw
[D] escape