

Text I

The view that women are better parents than men has shown itself to be true throughout history. This is not to say that men are not of importance in child-rearing; indeed, they are most necessary if children are to appreciate fully the roles of both sexes. But women have proven themselves superior parents as a result of their conditioning, their less aggressive nature and their generally better communication skills

From the time they are little girls, females learn about nurturing. First with dolls and later perhaps with younger brothers and sisters, girls are given the role of carer. Girls see their mothers in the same roles and so it is natural that they identify this as a female activity. Boys, in contrast, learn competitive roles far removed from what it means to nurture. While boys may dream of adventures, girls' conditioning means they tend to see the future in terms of raising families.

Girls also appear to be less aggressive than boys. In adulthood, it is men, not women, who prove to be the aggressors in crime and in war. Obviously, in raising children, a more patient, gentle manner is preferable to a more aggressive one. Although there certainly exist gentle men and aggressive women, by and large, female are less likely to resort to violence in attempting to solve problems.

Finally, women tend to be better communicators than men. This is shown in intelligence tests, where females, on average, do better in verbal communication than males. Of course, communication is of utmost importance in rearing children, as children tend to learn from and adopt the communication styles of their parents.

Thus, while it is all very well to suggest a greater role for men in raising children, let us not forget that women are generally better suited to the parenting role.

SPMB-04-51

The main information of the text is about ____.

- A. the importance of men and women in child-rearing
- B. the reluctance of men to play the role of parents
- C. the reason why women are better parents than men
- D. the superior role of women in a family
- E. the different attitudes of men and women as parents

SPMB-04-52

As parents, women in general play a more important role than men because they are ____.

- A. not aggressive at all
- B. good communicators
- C. superior human beings
- D. experienced in raising children
- E. capable of solving problems

SPMB-04-53

Most women are good mothers because they ____.

- A. have brothers and sisters with whom they
- B. had to learn about nurturing when they were children
- C. have never dreamed of adventures like boys
- D. are not to learn about competitive roles
- E. have known the role of carer since childhood

SPMB-04-54

The following are the general characteristics of men, *except* ____.

- A. aggressive
- B. adventurous
- C. impatient
- D. irresponsible
- E. competitive

SPMB-04-55

According to the text, which of the following statements is TRUE about parents in general?

- A. Children love their mothers more than they love their fathers.
- B. All fathers tend to be aggressive and violent towards their children.
- C. Mothers play a greater role in the education of their children.
- D. Even gentle fathers are unable to communicate with children
- E. There is no communication between fathers and their children.

Text I I

Tomatoes are full of nutrients and are an especially good source of antioxidant vitamins. In fact, one serving of tomato will give you 40% of your recommended daily allowance of vitamin C. Diets rich in fruit and vegetables are associated with lower risks of many diseases and a diet which includes high intake of tomatoes has been shown to protect against prostate cancer. Tomatoes are by far the richest source of lycopene, a powerful antioxidant, which gives the tomato its red colour. No other food contains this high level of antioxidant. Lycopene is highest in processed tomato foods, such as tomato puree, because they are concentrated.

SPMB-04-56

The topic of the above paragraph is

- A. the way to prevent getting various diseases
- B. the functions of antioxidant vitamins
- C. the content of lycopene in tomatoes
- D. the recommended diets for healthy people
- E. the benefit of including tomatoes in our diets

SPMB-04-57

- From the text we may conclude that
- A. only tomatoes are the source of a powerful antioxidant called lycopene
 - B. lots of tomatoes in the diet can prevent prostate cancer
 - C. foods rich in vitamin C can cure many diseases
 - D. the best source of antioxidants is vegetables
 - E. processed fruits are much better than fresh fruits

Text III

While fats have lately acquired a bad image, one should not forget how essential they are. Fats provide the body's best means of storing energy, a far more efficient energy source than either carbohydrates or proteins. They act as insulation against cold, or cushioning for the internal organs, and as lubricants. Without fats, energy would have no way to utilize fat-soluble vitamins. Furthermore, some fats contain fatty acids that contain necessary growth factors and help with the digestion of other foods.

SPMB-04-58

- The topic of the paragraph is
- A. the negative things about fats
 - B. the energy stored in fats
 - C. the utilization of fat-soluble vitamins
 - D. the functions of fats in our body
 - E. the content of fats in general

SPMB-04-59

- The following are the functions of fat, *except* __
- A. increasing people's energy
 - B. enabling utilization of fat-soluble vitamins
 - C. reducing the possibility of catching a cold
 - D. helping people with the digestion of food
 - E. producing fatty acids used as lubricants

Text IV

We all have certain qualities which according to our environment, develop in a positive or negative manner. (60). selfishness may emerge as unselfishness, kindness and consideration become cruelty and lack of consideration for others, and a (61) constructive person may, through frustration, become (62), and so on. The existing characteristics with which we were born can, therefore, through (63) and good or bad training, become something superficially different, and so apparently contradict the astrologer's (64), of the character. Yet the true character will be buried deep under these traits.

SPMB-04-60

- A. Besides
- B. Otherwise
- C. Thus
- D. Despite
- E. Moreover

SPMB-04-61

- A. natural
- B. naturalist
- C. naturalistic
- D. naturally
- E. naturalize

SPMB-04-62

- A. destruction
- B. destructive
- C. destructible
- D. destructively
- E. destructiveness

SPMB-04-63

- A. area
- B. region
- C. district
- D. environment
- E. neighborhood

SPMB-04-64

- A. description
- B. connection
- C. introduction
- D. subscription
- E. implementation

TATABAHASA

SPMB-04-65

- 'Have you checked where most of the seminar participants come from?'
- 'Oh yes, two-thirds or them __ from various parts of Java'.
- A. are coming
 - B. comes
 - C. they come
 - D. to come
 - E. come.

SPMB-04-66

- Being members of a team in a debate contest, you are all supposed __ emotional responses to the opposite team.
- A. don't give
 - B. you are not giving
 - C. not giving
 - D. that you don't give
 - E. not to give

SPMB-04-67

- 'Why don't you want Amir to be the team leader?'
- 'Well, I don't like __ people around!'
- A. is ordering
 - B. why he orders
 - C. he is ordering
 - D. he orders
 - E. with his ordering

SPMB-04-68

Although there is a vacancy for an experienced receptionist at the Ratna Hotel, I am not interested in applying for it because the pay is not so good; moreover, ___.

- A. the working condition is quite good
- B. it gives incentives to motivate workers
- C. there is no promise for advancement
- D. there are no job openings at all
- E. the pay includes various allowances

SPMB-04-69

'I am tired of watching that movie; there is too much violence.' 'I agree; ___ the channel?'

- A. I should change
- B. would we rather change
- C. I must change
- D. shall I change
- E. had I better change

SPMB-04-70

'Do you often go to restaurants?'

'No, it ___ quite a long time since I went to a restaurant with my friends.'

- A. as been
- B. would be
- C. is being
- D. was
- E. had been

SPMB-04-71

If Angga had chosen to play football instead of going to Puncak with his friends on their motorbikes, he would not have got that terrible accident.

From the above sentence we may conclude that now Angga is ___.

- A. enjoying the holiday
- B. hospitalized
- C. very tired
- D. still at the football field
- E. in Puncak

SPMB-04-72

'Anti's wedding dress is really beautiful!'

'I heard that she had her sister design it'.

This implies that Anti's sister ___,

- A. is going to get married
- B. has a beautiful wedding dress
- C. is very good designer
- D. has a beautiful sister
- E. is having the wedding dress designed

SPMB-04-73

'Last night a thief broke into my brother's house'.

'Really? What ___ from the house?'

- A. he took
- B. it was taken
- C. was being taken
- D. was taking
- E. was taken

SPMB-04-74

These tourists, ___ are Japanese, were among the crowd participating in the "dangdut" dance.

- A. there are many
- B. many of them
- C. whose many
- D. many of whom
- E. they who

SPMB-04-75

'I heard that the thieves managed to take your electronics'.

'Well, not only the electronics ___'.

- A. as well as my precious jewelry
- B. but they took my precious jewelry too
- C. and also my precious jewelry
- D. but also my precious jewelry
- E. and they took my precious jewelry