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**BY SITTER'S TEST**

**TRUE OR FALSE—Write T or F in the blank in front of each statement.**

- \_\_\_ 1. To be a good sitter, you should arrive early.
- \_\_\_ 2. A swing is a very safe place to leave the children to play.
- \_\_\_ 3. You should write all instructions down.
- \_\_\_ 4. Parents hire you to keep their children safe and happy.
- \_\_\_ 5. If a youngster is unconscious, you should try to make him vomit.
- \_\_\_ 6. If something is spilled on the floor, wipe it up immediately to prevent a fall.
- \_\_\_ 7. It is all right to eat anything you find in the refrigerator.
- \_\_\_ 8. Your first concern should be to keep the house clean.
- \_\_\_ 9. Keep diaper pins in your mouth so baby can't get them.
- \_\_\_ 10. It is all right to let the baby play with the can of powder.
- \_\_\_ 11. Failure to "burp" a baby while feeding him his bottle can result in the food surging back and suffocating him.
- \_\_\_ 12. Babies cannot drown in a few inches of water.
- \_\_\_ 13. The amount you are to be paid should be discussed before you baby sit.
- \_\_\_ 14. It is always all right for a sitter to have friends in—if they are quiet.
- \_\_\_ 15. The most important part of your job is to keep the children safe.
- \_\_\_ 16. Baby sitting is a serious job, but it can also be a lot of fun.
- \_\_\_ 17. You should divide your time equally between the children.
- \_\_\_ 18. You don't need to like children to be a good sitter.
- \_\_\_ 19. If the child is asleep, you know he is all right.

**Responsibilities**

- \_\_\_ 20. The best way to keep children safe is to remove dangers and keep accidents from happening in the first place.
- \_\_\_ 21. The first rule in any emergency is to stop and think.
- \_\_\_ 22. It is not necessary to be acquainted with the children you care for.
- \_\_\_ 23. You should know something about your employer in advance.
- \_\_\_ 24. It is not necessary for your parents to know where you are baby sitting.
- \_\_\_ 25. In case of an emergency, it is always best to notify the parents first.
- \_\_\_ 26. You should test temperature of bath water with your elbow.
- \_\_\_ 27. You should test the warmth of a baby's bottle on the palm of your hand.
- \_\_\_ 28. Never leave an infant alone with a propped-up bottle.
- \_\_\_ 29. You should always tell your parents what time you will be home.
- \_\_\_ 30. You should always test the brakes on a stroller or buggy.
- \_\_\_ 31. Be sure you can hear the child in case he needs you.
- \_\_\_ 32. It is all right to leave the children with your friend if you are coming right back.
- \_\_\_ 33. It is not necessary to ask permission to take the children for a walk.
- \_\_\_ 34. You should always clean the kitchen immediately after feeding the children.
- \_\_\_ 35. In medical emergencies, get help from the nearest adult.

Answers: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-F, 9-F, 10-F, 11-T, 12-F, 13-T, 14-F, 15-T, 16-T, 17-T, 18-F, 19-F, 20-T, 21-T, 22-F, 23-T, 24-F, 25-F, 26-T, 27-F, 28-T, 29-T, 30-T, 31-T, 32-F, 33-F, 34-T, 35-F.

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