

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

Interpersonal relationship with parents

Case study – Interpersonal relationship with parents

Read the following case study:

Lulama, or Lulu for short, is 15 years old. She is in Grade 9 at Simpson High School.

Lulu is not a very tidy person. Her room is always in a mess, but luckily her mom always tidies it up for her. Her parents give her pocket money every month, but she usually spends it all long before the end of the month. When this happens she asks her dad for more money, which he usually gives to her. Lulu is allowed to go out on weekend nights, but she has to be home by 11. One Saturday she went out with a group of her friends and they forgot all about the time. When Lulu got home at 12 o'clock her parents were furious.

“You had us so worried,” her mother said. “You broke the rules and now you are grounded for a month,” said her father.

Lulu was very cross. Some of her friends were allowed to stay out as long as they liked and she did not think her parents were fair. Another time, Lulu's friends invited her to go away for the weekend, and they wanted to leave on the Friday, which meant that she would miss school. Her parents would not let her go away and once again Lulu was furious with them.

A. Here are some questions to answer. Do not just answer yes or no, but explain your answer:

1. Do you think that Lulu's mother should tidy her room for her? [2]
2. Do you think that her dad should give her more pocket money? [2]
3. Were Lulu's parents right to ground her when she was late? [2]
4. Were they right to stop her from going away for the weekend? [2]
5. Should her parents allow her to stay out as late as she likes? [2]

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B. Now complete this table about rights and responsibilities.

Rights	Responsibilities
Lulu has a right to privacy in her own room.	
She has a right to spend her pocket money as she wishes.	
She has the right to go out with her friends.	
She has the right to be cared for by her parents.	
She has the right to an education.	

2 marks per answer = 10 marks

Total marks: 20

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Suggested Solutions

Quest. Number	Poss. marks	Solution	
1	10	Own responses – 2 marks each. Assist the learners to complete the responses to the statements in the table.	
2	10	Rights	Responsibilities
		Lulu has a right to privacy in her own room...	And the responsibility to keep it tidy.
		She has a right to be given pocket money...	And the responsibility to spend it wisely.
		She has the right to have friends...	And the responsibility to behave well.
		She has the right to be cared for by her parents...	And the responsibility to obey them.
		She has the right to an education...	And the responsibility to go to school.