Detailed Description: Complete a Virtual Child paper. 1-2 pages

25pts.

1. Raise the child to the end of the program. This is the way most of us raise children—without the benefit of a child psychology course. You are encouraged to ask advice from parent and friends and, if in a relationship, to collaborate with their partner as they raise the child.

The paper assignment includes:

- a. Give an overview of how your child developed, their parenting style, their child's strengths and weaknesses . . .
- a. Discuss how you made decisions (based on their parents' styles, readings, advice from others?)
- b. Discuss how their parenting practices affected their child's development
- c. List any questions they have about parenting or about child development.
- 2. Consider the four categories: Physical development, Cognitive Development, Social Development, Contexts for development (parenting and society).
 - a. Now that you have learned more about (physical/cognitive/social/parenting development) is there anything that you would have done differently as a parent? Explain your answer. (no citations needed for this item)
 - b. Choose ONE concept from the topics in this unit (physical/cognitive/social/parenting development) that interests you and has not been discussed in this paper.
 - c. Give a brief description of the concept and tell why you find it interesting. Give a fairly detailed example of this concept from your virtual child's life, your own life, TV or movie, etc.

Adapted from Gwendolyn Mettetal Indiana University South Bend, The Virtual Child Handbook