Childbearing Motivation Scale

Using the following scale (1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree), how much do you agree with each of the following reasons for not becoming a parent (or for not having another child)?

1. I'm worried that it's hard to take care of kids.
2. I don't have the qualities to be a parent (e.g., patience with my children, attentiveness).
3. I'm not ready for parental responsibility.
4. I worry that my child will go astray (e.g., delinquency, drug use, etc.).
5. Dealing with my kids would be a real pain.
6. I'm worried I won't be able to raise my kids right.
7. I don't know how to take care of a child.
8. I'm afraid I can't protect my children from the dangers of society.
9. I'm afraid I can't protect my children in the face of a deteriorating environment.
10. I'm worried that the baby will change my habits and my partner's.
11. I'm worried that the baby will take me away from my partner.
12. I'm worried that the baby will make me lose closeness with my partner.
13. I'm worried that a child will add to my financial burden.
14. I'm worried that the baby will put me in financial difficulty.
15. I worry that I (or my partner) will be in danger during labor and delivery.
16. I'm worried that my (or my partner's) body shape will change.
17. I am afraid that I (or my partner) will experience physical discomfort (e.g., nausea, insomnia) during pregnancy.

Using the following scale (1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree), how much do you agree with each of the following reasons for becoming a parent (or for having another child)?

18. Having a child is to fulfill my moral obligation.
19. Having children is about being valued by society.
20. It's my social responsibility to have children.
21. Having a child is about fulfilling your family's expectations.
22. The child can provide me with financial support.
23. To have children to fit my role as a woman or a man.
24. Having a baby means I'm an adult.
25. Children ensure intimacy with my partner.
26. Having children in response to biological age.
27. A child would give my life meaning.
28. Having a child to provide blood intimacy.
29. Having a child to mold an individual.
30. I want to be a parent.
31. Having children to create a family of your own.
32. I'd love to experience pregnancy.
33. My child's need for me will give me a sense of fulfillment.
34. Having children to pass on family traditions.
35. Having children ensures the continuation of the family line.

36. Children bring me closer to my partner.
37. Having a child to obtain the fruit of love with your partner.