Children’s Expectations of Social Behavior Questionnaire - Peer

Directions: I’m going to read you some stories and I want you to listen to each one carefully. You may not have really been in all of these situations, but just pretend that they are happening to you. After each one, I’ll read you 3 choices. Listen to all three of them and then circle the answer that you think best tells what your mother would do if this really happened. Remember to listen to all of the choices before you choose one.

1. You’re at the playground after school and one of the older kids comes up and starts to pick on you. What do you think the other kids might do?
   a. They might just walk away so that they don’t get picked on also.
   b. They might stick up for me and tell the older kid to leave me alone.
   c. They might join in with the older kid and start teasing me also.

2. You’re talking about running for president of your class and you ask a friend to help you make up some posters to hang around the school. What do you think he might say?
   a. He might tell me that he knew I would win and would help me make posters.
   b. He might say that I’d never win anyway so it’s not worth it to root for me.
   c. He might say that he’s really busy and has a lot of his own things that he has to do.

3. You’re working on a group project with some other kids at school and you make a suggestion for something that you could all do. What do you think they might say?
   a. They might laugh and say that it was a pretty stupid idea.
   b. They might just pretend that I didn’t say anything and ignore my idea.
   c. They might try it out to see if it would work.

4. You’re excited to go to school one day because it’s your birthday and you can’t wait to see the other kids. What do you think would happen that day in school?
   a. The other kids might not even remember that it was my birthday and wouldn’t say anything.
   b. The other kids might play a mean joke on me for my birthday.
   c. The other kids might say happy birthday to me, and maybe even give me cards or presents.

5. You’re feeling kind of upset about something that happened one morning at home and you decide to try and talk about it with a friend at lunch. As soon as the bell rings, you walk over to him and start to tell him about your problem. What do you think he might do?
   a. He might listen to my problem and try to make me feel better.
   b. He might tell me that I always seemed to have problems and I should stop bothering him.
   c. He might just walk away and say that he wants to play with the other kids.
6. You go to a birthday party and bring your friend a present that you picked out really carefully for him because you were sure he would like it. All the kids give him their presents and then you give him yours. What do you think he might do when you give it to him?

   a. He might just ignore it and open the other presents.
   b. He might say that he really likes my present and thank me for it.
   c. He might tell me that he liked the other kids’ presents better.

7. You really like another kid in your class and you decide to ask him to come over to your house after school. What do you think he might say?

   a. He might say that I was weird and that he didn’t want to come over.
   b. He might say that he had too many other things that he had to do.
   c. He might say that he would really like to come over.

8. You’re playing kickball with some kids at school and someone kicks the ball in the air straight to you. You run to catch the ball but you drop it. What do you think the other kids might do?

   a. They might tell me that it was ok that I dropped the ball because everyone does sometime.
   b. They might just ignore me and not say anything.
   c. They might yell at me and tell me that I’m going to make them lose the game.

9. You see some kids playing a game, so you go over and ask if you can play with them. What do you think they might say?

   a. They might say mean things about me and tell me to go away.
   b. They might just act like I wasn’t even there and keep playing.
   c. They might tell me to join in the game and make room for me.

10. The teacher yells at you in class because he thinks that he saw you passing a note to another kid. You know that you really didn’t pass the note. What do you think that kids sitting next to you might do?

    a. They might just not say anything at all to the teacher.
    b. They might stick up for me and tell the teacher that I didn’t pass it.
    c. They might pretend that I really did pass it and get me in trouble.

11. A friend of yours promised to sleep over at your house one weekend, but then somebody else invites him to a party. What do you think that he might do?

    a. He might tell me that the sleepover would be boring and go to the party instead.
    b. He might say that he was going to come over to my house anyway.
    c. He might pretend that he forgot about the sleepover and go to the party.
12. You’re running across the playground and you trip and fall. Your arm really hurts. What do you think the other kids in the park would do?

a. They would come over and ask if I was OK.
b. They would laugh at me.
c. They would just keep playing and ignore me.

13. One day a kid that you didn’t know is really nice to you and asks you to sit with him at lunch. The next day you see him with some friends and decide to go up and ask him to sit with you. As you walk up, his friends start to tease you. What do you think he might do?

a. He might tell them that I was pretty nice and they should let me sit with them.
b. He might act cool around his friends and pretend that he doesn’t know me.
c. He might join in with the group and start laughing at me.

14. You see some kids playing a game and ask if you could join them. They say ‘yes’ and you start playing, but you’re having some trouble remembering all the rules so you sometimes mess up. What do you think they might do?

a. They might get angry and tell me I was ruining the game.
b. They might explain the rules to me again so that I could learn to play.
c. They might just walk away and stop playing the game.

15. You have to finish a science project by the end of the week, but you still have a lot of work to do on it. You ask a friend of yours if he can help you one day after school. What do you think he might say?

a. He might say that he already had plans with other kids and didn’t have time.
b. He might say that it was kind of a dumb project and he didn’t want to work on it.
c. He might agree to help me out on it for a little while.