Families

In many parts of the world, families are traditionally very large. Many generations can share the same house. Parents, young children, grandparents, aunts, and uncles all live together. This is called an "extended family." Everyone shares responsibility for taking care of the children, sick family members, and elderly relatives. Other countries have a "nuclear family" system. Here, the parents and their children live together, and other relatives live separately. In this system, elderly relatives usually live on their own until they are too old to take care of themselves. Then, if no family members are able to care for them, they usually go to a nursing home. Here, they receive the care they need, and their family visits them from time to time.

- a In a nuclear family system, sick relatives must go to a nursing home.
- **b** Old people are much happier in extended families.
- c Extended family members feel responsible for their elderly relatives.
- **d** Parents do not normally live with their children in the nuclear family system.
- e The extended family system is more popular than the nuclear family system.

2 Read this text. Then check (1) which statements you can infer.

The key to happiness

The key to happiness may be great relationships with family and friends, or it might be a full and busy life. It could be having a job that you really enjoy. But whatever the key is for you, you must try to make it happen! If you're not happy, you should ask yourself why and try to change things. Think about your abilities and interests. What are you good at? What do you like doing? What kind of life do you want to have? You don't have to change everything immediately, but never think that what you want is impossible. Whatever you decide to change, you shouldn't worry about what other people may think. Just do it!

- a ____ I __ always good to be busy.
- **b** Different things make different people happy.
- **c** \square **y** s important to change your situation if you are unhappy.
- **d** Married people are happier than single people.
- e It's important to listen to the advice of other people.