**People are living longer. Some people think that it causes big problems. Others, however, think the aging population has many advantages for business, government and for society in general. Discuss both views & give your own opinion**

There is little room for doubt that there has been staggering growth in the proportion of elderly people in many countries. In my opinion, I believe that this trend brings both advantages and disadvantages to society.

Firstly, there are a great number of those who believe having more mature individuals in society brings better than harm. Specifically, they have major roles in the development of the economy since they are the main labor. Secondly, they can contribute to some sectors such as teaching, management, scientific research, and politics thanks to their extensive experience. Lastly, more old people would pose a burden to families as parents would have to take care of older family members, and no doubt aged citizens tend to be meddlesome and stubborn, causing frequent conflicts probably. For example, Companies and organizations are relied on them to sell and capitalize on their income.

On the other hand, as most people in modern times are busy with tasks at the workplace, elderly members like grandparents can do the babysitting, relieving parents’ worries of their children lacking in moral support or leisure activities. Overpopulation could be the most significant reason why many people are concerned about the growing amount of elderly. Many individuals express their concerns about those limited resources and the possibility of running out in the long run. Many fresh graduates will not be able to get a job only because experienced old people will hold those positions. Finally, government and family will have to support the old people and that would require a huge amount of money.

In my opinion, the longer people live, the more opportunities we can possess to build and create a prosperous nation. I strongly believe it would set up a hopeful future for a strong, thriving nation.

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**In some countries police officers do not carry guns. How does this affect the manner they implement law and order? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of having a gun. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

In a few nations police officers don't carry weapons. Police are the main force for controlling the law and play a crucial part in the preservation of their countries. In this essay, I will discuss both benefits and drawbacks of having a gun.

Firstly, one of the big advantages of the bearing of arms is self-protection from a criminal. Secondly, Police officers having no pistols lead to an uncontrollable environment in society. Criminal activities would rise at an alarming rate if no fear is established among them as officers do not have power in their hands. For Example, by 80 per cent in India after the police force is weaponized. Apart from this, most times these guns are used for self-defense of the law enforcement officers.

The drawbacks are also to be considered while handing over the guns to officials. At times they are using pistols to kill themselves in some weak moments of their lives. Adding to this, some officials are using this power to encourage corruption in society. The reason is due to mental disorders or increased powers that create a sense of control over others and as a result the confidence in the police is lost.

In conclusion, considering all written above, authorities should consider the pros and cons and make the right decisions at the expense of their citizens and while the most pertinent favorable position of having a firearm is for self-protection, the weakness of abusing it ought to likewise be considered by the specialists.

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A good friend has just changed schools and is having difficulty fitting in and needs your advice.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter

* make suggestions as to how they could make friends
* suggest joining clubs, participating in school activities
* give any extra general advice

Hi Susmita,

Hope you're and your family doing well.

I'm sorry I haven't been in touch with you for such a long age, but it was great to receive your letter yesterday buddy, in which you told me that you've changed your last academy and currently you encounter some funny issues.

When I first came to the school I am in, I faced a difficult time getting along. But it's on us to try and make new friends. Don't expect them to interact with you. You should stay in the first conversation. Introduce yourself and ask about them. Be a listener. Also, offer help whenever you can. Behave politely and have a helpful outlook. First impression is the last impression. You should also take part in extra-curricular activities. I know you are a good footballer. Why don’t you join the school football team? Also join the science, arts or literary clubs. You love reading, don’t you? Finally, don’t neglect your studies. You are in high school now and grades do matter in life. Also take good care of your health.

I hope you get some help from this letter to deal with the situation. I really miss the wonderful time we spent together in school. Keep writing so that we can carry forward this special bond of friendship for lifetime

Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes

Hemant Chandani

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**Your local bookshop has invited members of the public to recommend a guest speaker for an upcoming event that will include a series of talks from well-known people. Write an e-mail to the bookshop. In your e-mail:**

* **suggest a speaker**
* **say what they would contribute to the event**
* **explain why other people would be interested too**

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to share my opinion of electing a guest speaker for the event which will be organized soon in our area. I understand the event is organized in the benefit of a charity, so the intention is to have a greater number of audiences.

Hence, I would suggest ‘Mr. Namrata Thapar’ as a guest speaker for this event. She is a renowned Speaker, novelist, and a revolutionist. She could deliver a speech about the existence of Western foods in India over the traditional or conventional foods, a modern youth against the traditional youth etc. She is very impressive with our tradition and culture. Furthermore, she had won this year’s “BEST EVENT SPEAKER” award from All India Club of New Delhi North. Hence, she would be the most appropriate choice for this occasion persuading people to register for the event in advance. She would be able to attractive huge number of audiences which would benefit both of you with a pleasure of success.

Finally, I think that the presence of a well-established local author will encourage local talent. I hope that you will consider my recommendation.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Adam

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Few people devote time to hobbies nowadays. Say why you think this is the case and what effect this has on the individual and society in general. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Some may consider that giving an excessive amount of time to hobbies can be negative impact on the people, personally and socially in these recent days. It seemed to me that there are few causes lead to such an issue, and some relevant effects can be meet with individuals and societies.

To begin with, the main possible reason why the minority devote daily hours to hobbies is because more adults have stressful work. This is since in a modern bustling community the rhythm of life is being sped up and humans sacrifice their hobbies to finish more tasks. For example, recent research has shown that during the past decade the number of those playing football for fun has decreased by 30%. Secondly, people avoid from hectic schedule they have even it been weekend or late hour at night. Doing leisure activities might give them inevitable refreshment, relaxation, and opportunity to stick with family, which can have led them a better performance in all round formal achievements.

The most significant impact on the individuals is the reduction in the physical activity. This would lead them to an unbalanced lifestyle and thereby making them the victims of diseases like high blood pressure, obesity, high cholesterol, and heart attacks. Eventually, they can impact their own mental and physical life. The lack of participation in these physical activities makes them victims of many diseases and depression. In addition to that, people who have less leisure time mostly become a threat to society and they are more likely to get involved in antisocial and criminal activities. Talking about society, this may lead to the fact that humans will lose creativity and the ability to think outside the box since they spend all their time doing the same thing without changing the activity. Hence, it may lead to the loss of efficiency if individuals become stressed.

To conclude, advancements in the digital era have supplanted hobbies from human beings’ life. This trend becomes really a threat to the individual and society. Therefore, we have to allocate some time for leisure activities in order to replenish our life.

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1. Certificate of Excellence
2. Merged with
3. performance arts
4. passed away
5. dying wish
6. toured
7. acting
8. directed
9. Grade 8
10. modern dance
11. C
12. H
13. G
14. B
15. E
16. B
17. B
18. A
19. A
20. C
21. D
22. C
23. B
24. A
25. A
26. A
27. A
28. E
29. A
30. B
31. subterranean chamber
32. Queen's Chamber
33. Grand Gallery
34. air shaft(s)
35. King's Chamber
36. nearby quarries
37. 500 miles
38. wooden wedges
39. a massive earthquake
40. slave labour

**Listening Task**

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1. Lions and Penguins
2. Royal Circle
3. Interval
4. per person
5. buy two get
6. performance
7. flexible
8. charge
9. star Theatre Bookings
10. BUKTHTR14582
11. D
12. A
13. C
14. H
15. F
16. G
17. J
18. A
19. B
20. C
21. C
22. A
23. B
24. F
25. G
26. D
27. A
28. B
29. B
30. B
31. refuse
32. local people
33. detergents
34. pinpoint
35. equipment
36. planks of wood
37. or nails
38. sift by hand
39. pit
40. clearly defined

**Reading Task**

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1. FALSE
2. FALSE
3. NOT GIVEN
4. TRUE
5. FALSE
6. FALSE
7. TRUE
8. FALSE
9. A
10. E
11. D
12. B
13. D
14. A
15. iv
16. v
17. x
18. ix
19. vii
20. i
21. ii
22. inundated with
23. access certificates
24. a search engine
25. meet your needs
26. transcripts
27. specialised websites
28. archives
29. C
30. G
31. F
32. E
33. A
34. H
35. D
36. acceptance
37. edible
38. toxin
39. staple
40. Dependence

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1. postgraduate
2. Engineering
3. computer games
4. German
5. Hall
6. .02951E+11
7. mornings
8. Round Theatre
9. Transport Secretary
10. newspapers
11. E
12. A
13. B
14. D
15. B
16. six weeks
17. email
18. 1.5
19. yellow from
20. ordering
21. website
22. length
23. current
24. format
25. events
26. changes/revisions
27. technical
28. brochure
29. B
30. E
31. news
32. music
33. cancelled
34. data
35. B
36. B
37. C
38. A
39. B

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1. Weekend trips
2. competitions
3. 125
4. club secretary
5. twice a/per month
6. spring
7. weekly
8. equipment
9. magazine
10. exhibition
11. G
12. F
13. C
14. A
15. B
16. B
17. A
18. C
19. E
20. D
21. March 25th
22. older workers
23. senior lecturer
24. timetable
25. B
26. D
27. G
28. B
29. C
30. A
31. C
32. B
33. C
34. A
35. A
36. profit margin
37. retail
38. vouchers material
39. client
40. full page

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1. southerly
2. art scene
3. London
4. Celtic
5. Lanhydrock
6. Tin Mine
7. D
8. B
9. B
10. C
11. forewing
12. antennae
13. hindwing
14. pollen basket
15. printing press
16. thousands
17. electronic data
18. hard copy
19. impossible
20. books
21. B
22. D
23. A
24. D
25. C
26. E
27. C
28. Joseph Cleaver
29. vocational colleges
30. 2002
31. 2004
32. London
33. 5 institutes
34. video conferencing technology
35. NOT GIVEN
36. NO
37. NOT GIVEN
38. NOT GIVEN
39. NO
40. YES

**Some people think that a person improves their intellectual skills more when doing group activities. To what extent do you agree? Use specific details and examples to explain your view.**

In recent decades, many researchers have studied the importance of group-level comprehension has intellectuals believe that it is always better to study on own. It is believed by certain individuals that engaging in activities by collaborating with certain individuals increases their mental capacity and I completely agree with the idea. This essay will explain more in details.

Personally, I do believe that working in a group helps to develop knowledge, but not being educated alone. The primer reason is in our human nature, it is our instincts to compete or else it will be boring. Secondly, study groups enable individuals to obtain information that they might not be able to acquire in isolation. The reason behind is that the person often lacks good feedback. However, getting engaged with several people to learn in their midst that helps to amend mistakes and unlearn the wrong things. For example, Albert Einstein was able to succeed at his invention of the electricity when he decided to involve more people in his experiment after several failed attempts. Team-groups enable individuals to obtain information that they could not acquire in isolation. This is because peer feedback allows individuals to refine their understanding of concepts and to also learn new information from other members in the study-group.

Team-games clearly require individuals to perform a diverse range of rapid mental calculations. This is because, in a sporting context, players must predict and anticipate possible actions within tight time constraints. The advantage of working in a group is that people can enhance their thinking abilities. This is because the study-group enables an individual to obtain information and allow their feedback to refine their understanding of concepts. Consequently, peers also learn new information from other members. Moreover, participation in the team game, which also enhances an individual’s ability to make decisions. So, a person needs mental calculation for victory during taking part in sport.

In conclusion, performing activities together as a group has a lot of benefits to every member, even though, some brilliant members might feel they are being slowed down. The fact that mental acumen is improved, however, is golden and should be encouraged

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