Vocabulary Exercise

The Elderly Essay

### Can you fill in the gaps of these expressions from the essay with the correct word?

1. *It is increasingly common for families to send their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relatives to live in nursing homes …*
2. *… and for those which do, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or elevators need to be installed.*
3. *… This means that the typical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ problems which tend to appear among \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ …*
4. *… the staff who work at nursing homes have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trained …*
5. *… present some disadvantages, the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of which is …*
6. *… To make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worse, it has been shown that …*
7. *… those who are lonely are more likely to become depressed and have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ immune systems …*
8. *… such an environment is likely to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happiness and could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ severe depression.*
9. *… In conclusion, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the benefits of specially-trained staff and well-equipped facilities, … …*
10. *… the drawbacks of loneliness and its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ depression should also be taken into consideration.*

**ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE**

1. **elderly**
2. **stairlifts**
3. **motion / geriatrics / exacerbated**
4. **professionally**
5. **obvious**
6. **matters**
7. **depleted**
8. **curtail / trigger**
9. **despite**
10. **concomitant**