

# Unit 2: THE GENERATION GAP

## TEST 2

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from that of the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.*

- Question 1:** A. experience      B. extended      C. excellent      D. example  
**Question 2:** A. digital      B. generation      C. giant      D. garden

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of stress in each of the following questions.*

- Question 3:** A. control      B. upset      C. allow      D. damage  
**Question 4:** A. historical      B. economic      C. creative      D. traditional

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.*

**Question 5:** Parents often \_\_\_\_\_ about how the younger generation spends too much time on social media.

- A. complain      B. limit      C. wonder      D. support

**Question 6:** The need to limit \_\_\_\_\_ is a common topic in parenting blogs and forums.

- A. digital native      B. traditional view      C. screen time      D. social change

**Question 7:** The younger generation tends to \_\_\_\_\_ with platforms to suit their needs.

- A. experience      B. cause      C. experiment      D. gain

**Question 8:** Many children of doctors and nurses are inspired to follow \_\_\_\_\_ the footsteps of their parents, entering the medical field.

- A. of      B. with      C. on      D. in

**Question 9:** As the eldest child in the family, I \_\_\_\_\_ take on the responsibility of caring for my younger siblings.

- A. have to      B. must      C. should      D. can

*Read the following advertisement/announcement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 10 to 15.*

### Discover the Future of Parenting with Our New App!

Are you a parent struggling to manage your child's screen time? Do you worry (10)\_\_\_\_\_ the impact of technology on their development? (11)\_\_\_\_\_ new app, ParentWise, is here to help! Designed with modern parenting challenges in mind, ParentWise offers a range of features to support you in raising well-rounded children.

#### Features include:

- Setting (12)\_\_\_\_\_ screen time limits
- Monitoring online activities
- Providing educational content and activities
- Connecting with other parents for support

Download ParentWise today and take the first step towards effective screen time management!

- Question 10:** A. for      B. to      C. about      D. with  
**Question 11:** A. Our      B. Their      C. His      D. Her

Question 12: A. flexible

B. strict

C. creative

D. random

### Community Youth Program Announcement

Attention all parents and teenagers in the community! We are excited to announce the launch of our new Youth Empowerment Program, designed to support the younger generation in developing (13)\_\_\_\_\_ life skills. This program offers a variety of workshops, mentoring sessions, and recreational activities aimed at (14)\_\_\_\_\_ personal growth and community engagement.

#### Program Highlights:

- Life skills workshops
- One-on-one mentoring sessions
- Group recreational activities
- Community service projects

(15)\_\_\_\_\_ your teens today and help them unlock their full potential!

Question 13: A. curious

B. essential

C. honest

D. individual

Question 14: A. foster

B. fostering

C. to foster

D. to fostering

Question 15: A. Promote

B. Argue

C. Enroll

D. Connect

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.*

#### Question 16:

- a. This has created a generation gap, where parents often struggle to understand their children's digital habits. b. Many teenagers today spend a significant amount of their free time on screens, whether it be for social media, gaming, or streaming videos. c. However, it is important for both generations to communicate and find a balance that respects each other's viewpoints. d. On the other hand, teenagers feel that their parents are out of touch with modern technology. e. Parents are concerned about the potential negative effects of excessive screen time on their children's health and development.

A. b - e - a - d - c

B. a - c - d - e - b

C. c - e - b - a - d

D. d - e - b - a - b

#### Question 17:

- a. However, I believe that finding a balance is crucial for our well-being. b. I understand that you worry about the amount of time I spend on my phone and computer. c. I will also make an effort to be more mindful of how much time I spend in front of screens. d. Perhaps we can set some family screen time rules together that work for both of us. e. Dear Mom and Dad, f. I appreciate your concern and I think it's important that we address this issue together

A. e - b - f - c - a - d

B. e - d - a - c - b - f

C. e - b - f - a - d - c

D. e - d - a - c - b - f

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 23.*

(18)\_\_\_\_\_ to refer to differences between generations that cause conflict and complicate communication, creating a "gap." Word maven William Safire provides a more positive definition: "Generation gap can be a frustrating lack of communication between young and old or a useful stretch of time that separates cultures within a society, allowing them to develop their own character." From their

position in the family, and (19)\_\_\_\_\_, grandparents are uniquely poised to see that differences between generations can be positive for all those concerned.

(20)\_\_\_\_\_, the drastic differences that the term implies were not much in evidence until the 20th century. Before that time, society was not very mobile. Young people typically lived near their extended families, worshiped in their childhood churches, and often worked on the family farm or in a family business. With the advent of television and movies, young people were exposed to (21)\_\_\_\_\_ alien to their own families and cultures. Performers like Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, and James Dean won adulation from the younger generation but often were met with derogation from the older generation. Then came the 1960s, and civil rights and the Vietnam War exposed a more serious chasm between young and old.

Today, although more Americans see generational differences, most do not see them as divisive. That is partly (22)\_\_\_\_\_. The top areas of disagreement between young and old, according to the Pew Research Study, are the use of technology and taste in music. Grandparents are likely to have observed these differences in their grandchildren who are tweens, teens, and young adults. Slightly behind these areas of difference are attitudes toward different races and groups, moral values, religious beliefs, respect (23)\_\_\_\_\_, political views, and work ethic.

Reference: <https://www.verywellfamily.com/>

**Question 18:** A. A generation gap was commonly perceived

B. A generation gap perceived commonly

C. A generation gap is commonly perceived

D. A generation gap commonly perceived

**Question 19:** A. with less life experience than younger family members

B. with more life experience rather than younger family members

C. with more life experience than younger family members

D. with much life experience than younger family members

**Question 20:** A. Although there always have been differences between the generations

B. Despite there always have been differences between the generations

C. Because there always have been differences between the generations

D. Although there always have been different between the generational

**Question 21:** A. influences of culture which are

B. which are cultural influences

C. cultural influences

D. cultural influences which are

**Question 22:** A. because of the areas of difference

B. because the areas of difference

C. though the areas of difference

D. In spite of the areas of difference

**Question 23:** A. for another

B. for others

C. for other

D. in other

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 24 to 28.**

What are digital generations? You can look at it from (24)\_\_\_\_\_ viewpoints. As a singular view, a digital generation can be considered as encompassing only people(25)\_\_\_\_\_ were born into or raised in the digital era, meaning with widespread (26)\_\_\_\_\_ to modern-age technology such as smartphones, tablets, computers, and digital information like the internet.

Authors David Buckingham and Rebekah Willett penned a book, “Digital Generations,” that hones in on this premise and explores both the dangers and opportunities technology holds for these generations.

(27)\_\_\_\_\_, the term digital generation was also adopted for an NPR series that explores how different generations and communities engage with technology.

However, for this overview, we prefer the viewpoint that every living person today can be considered part of a digital generation, because — no matter how much we engage with technology — we are living in a digital-first world. This inclusive perspective recognizes that technology pervades every (28)\_\_\_\_\_ of modern life, influencing everyone regardless of their age or familiarity with digital tools.

- Question 24:** A. many                      B. every                      C. much                      D. several  
**Question 25:** A. who                      B. whom                      C. which                      D. whose  
**Question 26:** A. limit                      B. access                      C. skill                      D. taste  
**Question 27:** A. However                      B. Moreover                      C. Therefore                      D. Although  
**Question 28:** A. aspect                      B. industry                      C. innovation                      D. conflict

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 29 to 33.**

In my family, extreme viewpoints are easy to find, making for lively conversations and debates at gatherings. My brother and my father, in particular, often assume opposite stances. My brother, an artistic Jazz Studies major, contrasts sharply with my pragmatic, scientifically-minded father.

Their taste in music highlights their differences. My brother loves soulful music, while my father, lacking musical talent, prefers "muzak." This clash is most evident during long car trips, where compromises between Mantovani and other music are often necessary, though my father, who usually controls the car, often **prevails**. Another humorous difference is their hairstyles. My brother sports long hair, while my father prefers it short, reminiscent of his conservative upbringing in a small West Virginia mining town during the fifties. This difference symbolizes the broader contrast in **their** opinions.

Growing up in the fifties, my father sought a different life from his coal miner father. Excelling in math and science, he earned a Ph.D in physics to ensure a better standard of living for his family. My brother, however, grew up in a more open era, exposed to diverse opinions and encouraged to pursue his passion for music despite also being talented in math and science.

Despite their differences, my father and brother get along well, appreciating each other's viewpoints. They share interests like fishing and car repairs and enjoy spirited discussions. Their dynamic shows that differences can coexist harmoniously, making life—and long car rides—more interesting.

Reference: <https://www.lonestar.edu/>

**Question 29:** What would be the best title for the passage?

- A. The Benefits of Family Debates
- B. Contrasting Personalities in a Family
- C. The Importance of Music Preferences
- D. Growing Up in Different Eras

**Question 30:** What does the word “**prevails**” in the passage mostly mean?

- A. controls                      B. disrupts                      C. enjoys                      D. ignores

**Question 31:** What does the word “**their**” in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. my father and brother                      B. hairstyles                      C. compromises                      D. opinions

**Question 32:** Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a factor contributing to the family dynamic?

- A. music preferences                      B. hairstyles
- C. educational background                      D. dietary habits

**Question 33:** According to the passage, what is a significant difference between the father and brother?

- A. Their approach to education                      B. Their musical tastes
- C. Their love for fishing                      D. Their political views

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 34 to 40.**

In today's society, the concepts of nuclear and extended families play a crucial role in shaping the social and cultural dynamics of communities. Both family structures have their unique characteristics, advantages, and challenges, influencing how individuals experience family life and social interactions.

A nuclear family, often referred to as an immediate family, typically consists of two parents and their children living together in a single household. This family structure is common in Western societies and is often associated with modern, urban lifestyles. The primary advantage of a nuclear family is the close-knit bond it fosters among its members. Parents can provide focused attention and resources to their children, helping **them** develop a strong sense of independence and self-reliance. In a nuclear family, decision-making tends to be more straightforward, with fewer individuals involved. This can lead to quicker resolutions of conflicts and a more cohesive family unit. Additionally, nuclear families often have greater **mobility**, allowing them to relocate easily for work or other opportunities. However, the nuclear family structure can also present challenges. The lack of extended support can place significant pressure on parents to fulfill all caregiving and financial responsibilities, potentially leading to stress and burnout.

An extended family includes not only the immediate family members but also relatives such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. This family structure is prevalent in many cultures around the world, particularly in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Extended families often live in close proximity or even under the same roof, creating a strong support network. One of the main advantages of an extended family is the shared responsibilities among family members. Childcare, household chores, and financial burdens can be **distributed** more evenly, reducing stress on any single individual. Moreover, children in extended families benefit from the diverse perspectives and wisdom of multiple adults, fostering a rich cultural and educational environment. However, extended families can also face challenges. The larger number of family members can lead to more frequent conflicts and disagreements, particularly regarding decision-making and resource allocation. Additionally, maintaining privacy and personal space can be difficult in a crowded household.

Both nuclear and extended families offer distinct advantages and face unique challenges. The nuclear family promotes close bonds and independence but may lack sufficient support during times of need. On the other hand, the extended family provides a robust support system and diverse cultural experiences but can struggle with conflicts and privacy issues. Understanding these differences is essential for appreciating the various ways families contribute to the social fabric of society. Regardless of the structure, the fundamental importance of family remains a cornerstone of human life, providing love, support, and a sense of belonging.

*Reference: <https://online.csp.edu>*

**Question 34:** What would be the best title for the passage?

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| <b>A.</b> The Benefits of Nuclear Families | <b>B.</b> Comparing Family Structures   |
| <b>C.</b> The Role of Extended Families    | <b>D.</b> Challenges of Modern Families |

**Question 35:** The word “**mobility**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

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| <b>A.</b> flexibility | <b>B.</b> stability | <b>C.</b> immobility | <b>D.</b> resolutions |
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**Question 36:** What does the word “**them**” in paragraph 2 refer to?

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| <b>A.</b> children | <b>B.</b> parents | <b>C.</b> lifestyles | <b>D.</b> individuals |
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**Question 37:** The word “**distributed**” in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

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| <b>A.</b> gathered | <b>B.</b> allocated | <b>C.</b> collected | <b>D.</b> centralized |
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**Question 38:** Why might nuclear families experience more stress compared to extended families, according to the passage?

- A.** They have fewer family members to share responsibilities.
- B.** They encounter more frequent conflicts.
- C.** They lack a strong support network.
- D.** They face more complicated decision-making processes.

**Question 39:** Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. Nuclear families can easily relocate for work or other opportunities.
- B. Extended families often face fewer conflicts and disagreements.
- C. Nuclear families may experience stress due to lack of extended support.
- D. Extended families provide a rich cultural and educational environment.

**Question 40:** Based on the passage, which of the following is an inferred benefit of extended families for children?

- A. Children learn to make decisions independently.
- B. Children receive consistent financial support.
- C. Children experience diverse learning and cultural views.
- D. Children experience less pressure to succeed academically.