

- 8 A: you _____ (go) to school by bus every day?
 B: Yes. But today I _____ (ride) my bicycle to school.

VII Fill the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 She _____ (have) dinner with her family now. I'm surprised at that because she _____ usually (dine) out alone after work.
- 2 We _____ (not/ know) how to make delicious cakes. Therefore, we _____ (ask) my mother to help us do that at the moment.
- 3 My sister is busy right now. So I _____ (do) the washing-up for her.
- 4 Whenever it _____ (be) his turn to take out the rubbish, he _____ (pretend) to be tired in *order not to do that*.
- 5 Be careful! You _____ (drive) too fast. It may cause an accident.
- 6 In Viet Nam, the vast majority of women _____ (take) responsibility for taking care of children.
- 7 I _____ (not/ see) your brother. _____ you _____ (know) where he is?
- 8 She rarely _____ (clean) the bathroom. But today, she _____ (clean) it because her mother _____ (have) to go out for some days.

VIII Choose the correct endings for the sentences.

- 1 She is sweeping the house
 a *at the moment.*
 b *once a day.*
- 2 My mother is doing the laundry
 a *so she can't pick up the phone.*
 b *when she has free time.*
- 3 He feeds his cats
 a *immediately.*
 b *whenever his mother's busy.*
- 4 She usually cooks the meals
 a *and her husband lays the table.*
 b *and she is waiting for her husband to return from work.*
- 5 I'm finding a solution
 a *for helping my father fix my bicycle.*
 b *to help my mother reduce her housework.*
- 6 My father is trying to clean up the toilet
 a *while I'm listening to music.*
 b *but don't know to clean it.*
- 7 My sister plays the piano very well
 a *it makes her parents very happy.*
 b *because she learns how to play it very hard.*
- 8 My uncle always tidies up his room at the weekend
 a *while he isn't doing it now.*
 b *but today he's doing that very soon.*

X. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences

1. Susan (*vacuums/ washes*) the house everyday to make it bright and clean.
2. Peter is very lazy, he doesn't often (*clean/ clear*) the bathroom and his room.
3. My mom often (*shops/ gets*) for groceries at the supermarket because of its convenience.
4. Tom usually eats out because he doesn't know how to (*cook/ do*) any dishes.
5. Before getting to work, my friend doesn't forget to (*feed/ raise*) his cats and dogs.
6. My mother is not always at home, therefore we have to (*do/ make*) the chores ourselves.
7. My aunt can't (*do/ wash*) the laundry herself because of her sensitive skin.
8. My mother reminds me to put on the gloves when (*doing/ make*) the washing-up to protect my hands.

XI. Read the following text and do the tasks that follow.

Sweeping social changes have recently left profound influence on the Vietnamese family life in the past years, especially in big cities.

More women go to work now and many of them can even hold higher positions and get better-paid jobs than their husbands. Though it is good that women can now have more social life than they used to, they have to work harder - both in the workplace and at home. While they have to carry out household duties traditionally done by a housewife, they have as well to fulfil their roles at work like their male colleagues.

Meanwhile, many husbands do not seem to be ready for the new roles they must play in modern family life. **They** might be happy to fix things in the house such as plumbing and electricity problems and even cooking and washing but they would not embrace the idea of taking care of

children. Consequently, in the majority of cases, that heavy lifting still remains much more on the shoulder of the wife.

The problem of sharing the housework tends to become worse in families where the wife is busier at work and the husband has smaller income that he can contribute to the family budget. By and by and sooner or later, there will be serious tension in the marriage if the husband refuses to give a helping hand when it comes to the house chores.

No doubt, social changes have redefined the roles of men and women.

2 Choose the best answer among the four choices for each question.

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| 1 What do sweeping social changes deeply affect? | a Lifestyles of Vietnamese citizens,
b Lifestyles of Vietnamese families.
c Lifestyles of people in rural areas.
d Lifestyles of Vietnamese overseas. |
| 2 Why do today's women have to fulfil their roles at work and at home? | a Because they hold higher positions than their male colleagues.
b Because they get better-paid jobs than their husbands.
c Because they are treated like their male colleagues.
d Because they have more social life than they used to. |
| 3 Who cannot withstand looking after children? | a All husbands,
b House husbands.
c A number of husbands
d Single dads. |
| 4 What have social changes done to the roles of husbands and wives? | a Changing the limits of husbands and wives,
b Evaluating the limits of husbands and wives.
c Exchanging the limits of husbands and wives
d Expanding the limits of husbands and wives. |
| 5 What is the best title for this text? | a Influence of Sweeping Social Changes
b Roles of Women at Work and at Home
c Roles of Husbands at Home
d How to Change the Roles of Husbands and Wives |