

TASK 1. Read the passage. Circle the best answer A, B, or C to each of the questions.

Is the generation gap in America no longer a severe problem as it used to be? Dating back to the 1960s when teenagers tended to lash out the values and goals of their parents as well as rebel against the authority figures, the incendiary conflicts between older and younger generations increased sharply. It's because teenagers' world wasn't any longer limited in a narrow society that wasn't mobile, and instead of going to church every weekend, they were exposed to various forms of social media like television and radios. They got access to huge sources of new ideas, which liberated them from old-fashioned and boring lifestyles whereas many older people were conservative and didn't accept differences disturbing their normal life. Over time, however, the tension between generations has been alleviated due to the improved mutual understanding of baby boomers, Millennials and even Zillennials in many fields of life. According to recent research, the largest generational discrepancies between young and old in the United States are the use of technology and taste in music. Nevertheless, in terms of technological use, many older people gradually learn how to use a laptop or smartphone to surf the Internet from their children and especially their grandchildren due to their recognition of huge technological benefits. Regarding the musical differences, unlike in the past, older generations nowadays appear to give fewer critical remarks on what type of music teens should listen to and begin to accept the variety of music tastes when living under the same roofs.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The development of the generation gap in America nowadays.
- B. The alleviation of the generation gap in America nowadays.
- C. The eradication of the generation gap in America in the past.
- D. The reduction of the generation gap in America in the past.

2. What does the word they in line 8 mean?

- A. Teenagers.
- B. Forms of social media.
- C. Parents.
- D. Older generations

3. According to the passage, what types of social media provided young people with new ideas

- A. The Internet and television.
 - B. The Internet and radios.
 - C. The television and printed newspaper.
 - D. The television and radios.
4. Why did the older generation refuse to access new things?
- A. Because they thought those things were tedious.
 - B. Because they loved to go to church every weekend.
 - C. Because they didn't want to change their normal life.
 - D. Because they weren't able to learn technological devices.
5. What can be inferred from the passage?
- A. Nowadays there is no longer a generation gap.
 - B. The generation gap didn't remain after the 1960s.
 - C. Teaching older people to use modern devices can bridge the gap between generations.
 - D. Younger Americans are forced to change their taste in music nowadays.

TASK 2. Complete the reading passage. Write ONE suitable word in each blank.

It is essential to spend an amount of time doing workout to lead a healthy life. However, in reality, it (1) _____ become a common misconception that the more you do exercise, the better it is for your fitness. A lot of health issues resulting from intensity exercise might happen. Feeling sore (2) _____ and heavy limbs, having trouble sleeping and getting exhausted are some of the symptoms that exercisers are likely to deal with when spare a lot of time to do hundreds of press-ups and star (3) _____ in a gym. These negative impacts can slow you down at work or school, and make you frustrated when you have to get too much exercise and (4) _____ strict diets. Worse, for some, passing out is not unlikely. You can avoid this by following some simple tips such as desisting from exercising in extreme heat or cold as well as resting sufficiently (5) _____ periods of workout.

III. WRITING

TASK 1. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in brackets and do not change it. Write NO MORE THAN FIVE

1. The last time Tung went for a thorough check-up was in June. (HAD)
Tung _____ a thorough check-up was since June.
2. It's unnecessary for Cody to take responsibility for all the household chores. (HAVE)
Cody _____ responsible for all the household chores.
3. I'm certain that most city dwellers will object to this construction plan. (DOUBT)
I have _____ the objection to this construction plan from most city dwellers.
4. The town council will build a new cycle path in the next few years. (BE)
The cycle path _____ the town council in the next few years.
5. They haven't seen their spin instructor for three days. (SINCE)
It's _____ their spin instructor.

TASK 2. Write an opinion essay (120-150 words) about why living with your extended or nuclear family is better.

You can use the following questions as cues.

- What is an extended/ nuclear family?
- Whom do you live with?
- What are the advantages of living in an extended/ nuclear family?
- How does living in an extended/ nuclear family benefit you?

IV. LANGUAGE FOCUS

TASK 1.

Choose the word with a different way of pronunciation in the underlined part. Circle A, B, C, or D.

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| 1. A. <u>c</u> razy | B. br <u>a</u> celet | C. cha <u>r</u> acteristic | D. o <u>p</u> eration |
| 2. A. <u>h</u> onesty | B. <u>c</u> onflict | C. <u>p</u> roperty | D. <u>p</u> rovision |

Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from that of the others. Circle A, B, C or D.

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| 3. A. <u>v</u> irus | B. fr <u>e</u> edom | C. <u>f</u> itness | D. <u>d</u> isease |
| 4. A. <u>v</u> olunteer | B. <u>t</u> eenager | C. cha <u>r</u> acter | D. <u>d</u> eserve |

TASK 2. Choose the best option to complete each sentence. Circle A, B, C or D.

- A. couldn't B. didn't C. mustn't D. doesn't have to
2. She's thinking of moving out of her apartment _____ the current rent is too high.
A. although B. in spite of C. because D. due to
3. Although Kim moved here 2 years ago, she still hasn't explored all of her _____.
A. adulthood B. childhood C. livelihood D. neighbourhood
4. His view is very old-fashioned because he was brought _____ in a traditional family.
A. out B. to C. with D. up
5. Matt has been doing _____ exercises as he wants to become stronger.
A. strength B. strengthen C. strong D. strongly

TASK 3. Fill each blank with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. The mayor (improve) _____ significantly the city's infrastructure since she was elected.
2. My mother (think) _____ of limiting my brother's screen time as his exam is approaching.
3. Although teenagers don't have to give up (use) _____ social media, they shouldn't spend too much time on it.
4. Because it rained heavily all yesterday morning, the environment worker (not have to) _____ water the neighbourhood's garden.
5. Mike (have) _____ difficulty keeping food down now because of food poisoning.