

Test 2

Read the text below. For each empty space (1-12) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

FAMILY LIFE IN BRITAIN



uncles, cousins usually keep in touch, but they see (9) _____ of each other than they used to. This is because people often move away from home town to work and so the family becomes scattered. Christmas is the traditional season for reunions. Although the family group is smaller nowadays than it used (10) _____, relatives often travel many miles in order to spend the holiday together. Family parties are (11) _____ when they bring together relatives who (12) _____ each other for a while.

	A	B	C	D
1	were	have been	will be	had been
2	have increased	increased	has increased	had increased
3	don't have	isn't having	doesn't have	didn't have
4	at last	at least	at most	at best
5	Then	Than	That	Those
6	other	others	another	the others
7	Today's	Todays	Today	Todays'
8	proud	pride	prouds	prides
9	little	the less	the least	less
10	to be	being	be	to being
11	joyous	most joyous	more joyous	the more joyous
12	didn't see	hadn't seen	wasn't seeing	haven't seen

A "typical" British family used to consist of a mother, a father and two children. But in recent years there (1) _____ many changes in the family life. For example, since the law made it easier to get a divorce, the number of divorces (2) _____. That's why 24% of British children live with only one parent, usually their mother.

The contemporary British child (3) _____ a lot of companionship from brothers and sisters, because an average family has only one or two children. Most British children live with their parents (4) _____ until they finish school at the age of 17 or 18. (5) _____ many go to college, leaving some parents sad and lonely in their empty nest and (6) _____ enjoying their release from parental responsibilities. But many adults stay with their parents during their college years or return home after graduation. (7) _____ parents cannot even be sure that their married children have moved out forever. After a divorce they may return to the parental home temporarily or even on a long-term basis.

Older people take (8) _____ in their independence, enjoy their freedom and don't want to be a burden to their children. Members of the family — grandparents, aunts,