

Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.



WOMEN AND WORK

Graduated women have 1) _____ struggled with the demands of career and family. The problems have changed with the passing years – more jobs 2) _____ opened up to women in the 20th century – but for most women difficult 3) _____ have to be made between careers and families.

Before the Second World War, the 4) _____ career open to women was teaching and paid work was almost impossible after marriage. During the war, men had to fight and women had to 5) _____ men in the workplace. 6) _____, when the war ended and men returned, women returned into the home.

Today, older women who didn't have many career 7) _____ do not envy younger women. One woman said: "I am glad my daughter has the opportunity to work that I did not have – but when I see her struggling to run her family and a full-time job, I don't 8) _____ her life is better than mine was." Many of these older women felt a sense of security in their own lives that has disappeared today. They see younger women working 9) _____ great stress. Many experience depression, severe headaches and feelings of insecurity. They feel sad because they spend more time 10) _____ domestic chores than their husband when both have paid jobs.

Many women try to 11) _____ combine career and family, which is not an easy job. More flexible working hours and new legislation are needed in order to help women 12) _____ professional and personal fulfillment.

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| 1. A. much | B. long | C. great | D. lots |
| 2. A. suddenly | B. quickly | C. steadily | D. gradually |
| 3. A. alternatives | B. options | C. choices | D. preferences |
| 4. A. lone | B. only | C. individual | D. single |
| 5. A. replace | B. restore | C. retrieve | D. alter |
| 6. A. Despite | B. Although | C. Whereas | D. However |
| 7. A. occasions | B. opportunities | C. possibilities | D. probabilities |
| 8. A. consider | B. regard | C. think | D. imagine |
| 9. A. below | B. on | C. at | D. under |
| 10. A. in | B. at | C. on | D. with |
| 11. A. strongly | B. successfully | C. fortunately | D. profitably |
| 12. A. manage | B. produce | C. achieve | D. succeed |