

UNIT 1: GENERATION GAP – CONT

Read the passage and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C) to each of the following questions.

Generation gap is commonly used to refer to differences between generations that cause conflicts and a frustrating lack of communication, creating a "gap."

However, from their position in the family, and with more life experience than younger family members, grandparents are able to see that differences between generations can be positive for all concerned.

The areas of difference includes technology use, **taste** in music, work ethic, moral values, respect for others, political views, attitudes toward different races, and religious beliefs. The top areas of disagreement between the young and old, according to the Pew Research Centre Study, are 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.

If large differences between the generations exist, why don't they lead to conflict? The answer is **twofold**.

First, the two largest areas of difference, technology and music, are less emotionally charged than political issues. The older generation is likely to be proud of the younger generation's skills in technology rather than to view it as a problem. As for the musical differences, each generation wants its own style of music, and the older generation generally can relate to that desire.

Second, in other areas of difference, the younger generation tends to regard the older generation as superior to their own generation - clearly a difference from the 1960s with a saying "Don't trust anyone over thirty." According to the Pew Research Centre, all generations regard older Americans as superior in moral values, work ethic and respect for others.

1. Match each word with its definition.

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| i. generation gap | a. of higher level or status |
| ii. taste | b. a strong feeling of wanting to have something |
| iii. twofold | c. a person's liking for something |
| iv. desire | d. disagreement between different generations |
| v. superior | e. having two parts |

2. What is generation gap usually perceived as?

- A. the younger people's lack of communication
- B. differences between generations leading to disagreements or conflicts
- C. the older people's life experience

3. Which of the following is TRUE about how the elderly think about generation gap?

- A. Being positive about the differences between generations.
- B. Being concerned about all the differences.
- C. Being frustrated in communicating with the younger members.

4. In which areas are the older and the younger people the most different?

- A. Technology and music.
- B. Work and politics.
- C. Music and religion.

5. What does the older generation think about their grandchildren's skills in technology?

- A. They find their grandchildren's skills problematic.
- B. They desire to improve their skills in technology.
- C. They are proud of their grandchildren.

6. Why are the differences in music unlikely to cause conflicts between two generations?

- A. Each generation likes to have their own taste.
- B. Styles of music are various.
- C. The older people have a stronger desire for music than the younger.

7. According to the Pew Research Centre, how do Americans consider the elderly?

- A. The elderly think moral values of all generations are the same.
- B. The elderly are better at moral values and work ethic.
- C. All older Americans respect moral values and work ethic.

8. Which of the following could be the best title of the passage?

- A. Generation Gap: Differences but Little Division
- B. Generation Gap: Definition and History
- C. Generation Gap: Areas of Differences.

WRITING

1. Rewrite the following sentences by using the word given in the brackets.

1. Cell phones are not allowed on Tokyo subway. (must)

Passengers _____.

2. Doing physical activities is necessary for children (need)

Children _____.

3. Jenny advised Timmy to leave his home at 12:30 pm to catch the 1:00 pm train, (should) Jenny said to Timmy: "_____."
4. It is good for parents to communicate with their children on any topic in order to improve their family relationship. (ought)
Parents _____.
5. I am required to be at the station 30 minutes before the coach to Vung Tau leaves. (must)
I _____.
6. It is important for a mother to talk to her baby as soon as he or she is born. (should)
A mother _____.
7. Besides studying, hanging out with friends is also helpful to teenagers. (should)
Teenagers _____.
8. It would be a good idea for Michelle to keep a journal on her daily activities. (ought)
Michelle _____.
9. Children under 12 are required to be accompanied by an adult to the entertainment centre. (must) Children ____.
10. I'd advise you to tell your parents your result before they ask you. (should)
You _____.

2. Word formation: Give the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. She complained that the photographs were an invasion of her _____ (private)
2. _____ consciousness is another way of distinguishing among generations that was worked on by social scientist Karl Mannheim. (Generate)
3. By this way, you can cope up with the _____ of the kids and always be updated. (expect)
4. Social, economic, or political changes can bring _____ to these shared interests and values for similarly-aged people who experience these events together. (aware)
5. James is a _____ student. Not only does he complete all required exercises but he looks for some extra ones as well. (study)
6. The main _____ to the plan was that it would cost too much. (object)
7. Many people expressed a strong _____ for the original plan because of its effectiveness. (prefer)
8. The amount will be paid to everyone _____ of whether they have children or not. (regard)
9. The major factor causing the generation gap is the lack of _____ between parents and their children. (communicate)
10. Some parents may also find their children's behavior unacceptable and _____ to traditional values. (respect)

3. Complete the following sentences using the given words.

- change your mind impose good taste in*
bridge the gap follows in
1. If you want to succeed in that aspect, you must _____.
2. I don't want to _____ my decisions on my children.
3. Open communication can _____ between parents and children.
4. She _____ her mother's footsteps, becoming a doctor.
5. The fashion designer has exercised _____ her use of various colors and patterns.
- state-owned open-minded work out*
financial burden homestay
6. She must shoulder the _____ after her husband's death.
7. Scientists are discussing to _____ the best solution to this problem.
8. We recommend _____ for students who want to live with local families.
9. Parents tend to be more _____ about the children's hairstyles.
10. After graduating from his university, he wants to have a job in a _____ company.