

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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       |