

Exercise 5

Read the responses to the IELTS Speaking Part 3 question: Do you think extended families will become more or less common in the future? Choose the correct examiner comments for the responses.

1. No, I think that people will live either separately or in nuclear families in the future.
 - There are too many mistakes.
 - The response is off-topic.
 - The response is too short.
 - The student needs to use more cohesive devices.
 - The vocabulary is too basic.
 - This is a good response.
2. I think that fewer people will be living in extended families. More and more young people are moving to different cities or countries. They leave their families behind. They forget about the extended family. The older people don't expect to be looked after.
 - There are too many mistakes.
 - The response is off-topic.
 - The response is too short.
 - The student needs to use more cohesive devices.
 - The vocabulary is too basic.
 - This is a good response.
3. I think that people won't live in big families with grandparents and uncles and aunts in the future. They will live with their small family – husband, wife, son and daughter – or they will decide to live alone because people like to be free, they don't like to live with their big family. It will be less common, for sure.
 - There are too many mistakes.
 - The response is off-topic.
 - The response is too short.
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4. I am thinking that extended family is critically for the most people, it is good people has grandparents who can look at the children when they are busy and who can rely on younger generation for help in their old age.
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 - The response is off-topic.
 - The response is too short.
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5. For me, the extended family is important. I really like spending time with my grandparents. For instance, I like the fact that I can go to them for support and that they can rely on me for help when they are in need.
- There are too many mistakes.
 - The response is off-topic.
 - The response is too short.
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 - This is a good response.
6. In my opinion, at least in my society, the extended family is really important and, if anything, I think that it will become more common in the future. Firstly, our culture hasn't changed as much as perhaps in other countries, so for us at least, the idea of an extended family is still very common, and I can't see people wanting it to change. Secondly, due to the way the economy is, people cannot afford the high prices of accommodation, so they will rely on their parents for longer, and the older generations will expect their support in return.
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