

VOCABULARY SET 12: DELAYED PARENTHOOD

Vocabulary:

1. **a norm** (n): quy phạm, chuẩn mực
2. **a sound foundation** (n): nền tảng vững chắc
3. **be ascribed to** (collocation): quy cho
4. **comprehensive education** (collocation): giáo dục toàn diện
5. **defer** (v): trì hoãn
6. **delayed parenthood** (np): có con muộn
7. **excessive bleeding** (collocation): mất nhiều máu
8. **health risk** (collocation): nguy cơ về sức khỏe
9. **interrupt** (verb): gián đoạn
10. **interruption** (n): sự gián đoạn
11. **irreparably damaged**: chịu tổn thất nặng nề, khó cứu vãn
12. **maternal** (adj): thuộc về người mẹ; **maternity** (n)
13. **prosperity** (n): nền thịnh vượng
14. **prosperous** (adj): giàu có
15. **reap the benefits** (collocation): gặt hái thành quả
16. **the prenatal and postnatal period**: thời kỳ trước và sau khi sinh.
17. **valid** (adj): hợp lý, có cơ sở

Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed

1. Increase/ violence domestic/ could/ ascribed/ number/social reason.

2. Trend /delayed parenthood/ could/ leave/ gap /live/ older generation.

3. Although /she /support/ delayed parenthood, birth/ her/ son/be/minor interruption/ her/career.

4. She /study/ day and night/ reap/ benefit / exam time.

5. Other/ do/ hard work/ you/ reap the benefit/ their/ labour.

6. Risk/ vaccination/ small/ compare/ health risks/ associated/ disease/ they/ intend/ prevent.

7. Women/ have /minimal problem/ abnormal bleeding/ whereas/ others/ have unpredictable/ excessive bleeding.

8. Future prosperity/ nation/ depend /level /education /it/ level; therefore the government should/ create/ every opportunity/ for /children/ get /education/ regardless/ their /family background.

9. maternal leave/ could/ put /women / disadvantaged position/ due to /high possibility / losing job/ high-competitive/ working /environment.

Task 2: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

a norm (n)	interrupt (verb)
a sound foundation (n)	interruption (n)
be ascribed to (collocation)	irreparably damaged
comprehensive education (collocation):	maternal (adj)
defer (v)	maternity (n)
delayed parenthood (np)	prosperity (n)
excessive bleeding (collocation)	prosperous (adj)
health risk (collocation)	reap the benefits (collocation)
valid (adj)	the prenatal and postnatal period

Nowadays, more and more people decide to have children later in their life.

What are the reasons? Is this a negative or positive trend?

In modern society, there has been a growing concern that many couples have 1_____. This social trend could be 2_____ a number of reasons, and I firmly believe that it is more of a negative rather than a positive phenomenon.

A few reasons can be given to justify the trend of giving birth at later stages of life. The primary reason is that the labour market is increasingly competitive, and it is 3_____ that young parents 4_____ having children to devote more of their time to lay 5_____ for their future career. Another significant reason is that it is believed that children are raised better by older parents. This seems 6_____ due to the fact that older fathers and mothers are generally wealthier, more experienced, and more willing to take the responsibility of bringing up a child.

I firmly believe that the negative aspects of this trend outweigh its positive ones. From a positive perspective, I agree with the belief that children born to more 7_____ and experienced parents can receive more 8_____, and thus contribute more to society when they reach adulthood. In each household, the parents may also 9_____ of this trend, as their first working years are not 10_____ by pregnancy and childcare. However, I would contend that delayed parenthood is associated with a number of 11_____ that are far more significant than the aforementioned

advantages. When an aged couple decide to give birth, there are serious health risks for the woman in 12_____, such as 13_____after childbirth. If any complicated 14_____health problem arises, the life of whole family would be 15_____damaged.

To conclude, the tendency to have children at a later age is caused by a number of factors, such as the competitiveness of the job market for young adults. Although I accept that there are a few benefits of this trend, I am strongly of the opinion that the drawbacks are far more significant for future parents to consider.

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