

## Test 2

Read the text below. For each empty space (1-12) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

### FAMILY LIFE IN BRITAIN



A "typical" British family used to consist of a mother, a father and two children. But in recent years there (1) \_\_\_\_\_ many changes in the family life. For example, since the law made it easier to get a divorce, the number of divorces (2) \_\_\_\_\_. That's why 24% of British children live with only one parent, usually their mother.

The contemporary British child (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of companionship from brothers and sisters, because an average family has only one or two children. Most British children live with their parents (4) \_\_\_\_\_ until they finish school at the age of 17 or 18. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ many go to college, leaving some parents sad and lonely in their empty nest and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoying their release from parental responsibilities. But many adults stay with their parents during their college years or return home after graduation. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ parents cannot even be sure that their married children have moved out forever. After a divorce they may return to the parental home temporarily or even on a long-term basis.

Older people take (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in their independence, enjoy their freedom and don't want to be a burden to their children. Members of the family — grandparents, aunts,

uncles, cousins usually keep in touch, but they see (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of each other than they used to. This is because people often move away from home town to work and so the family becomes scattered. Christmas is the traditional season for reunions. Although the family group is smaller nowadays than it used (10) \_\_\_\_\_, relatives often travel many miles in order to spend the holiday together. Family parties are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ when they bring together relatives who (12) \_\_\_\_\_ each other for a while.

|    | A              | B            | C             | D               |
|----|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1  | were           | have been    | will be       | had been        |
| 2  | have increased | increased    | has increased | had increased   |
| 3  | don't have     | isn't having | doesn't have  | didn't have     |
| 4  | at last        | at least     | at most       | at best         |
| 5  | Then           | Than         | That          | Those           |
| 6  | other          | others       | another       | the others      |
| 7  | Today's        | Today's      | Today         | Today's         |
| 8  | proud          | pride        | prouds        | prides          |
| 9  | little         | the less     | the least     | less            |
| 10 | to be          | being        | be            | to being        |
| 11 | joyous         | most joyous  | more joyous   | the more joyous |
| 12 | didn't see     | hadn't seen  | wasn't seeing | haven't seen    |