3. What does the word **'them'** in paragraph 3 refer to?

A. stereotypes **B.** individuals **C.** teens **D.** families

4. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

A. Differences between teens. **B.** Stereotypes about teens.

C. The positive attitude of teens to others. **D.** Volunteering for disadvantaged people.

5. In the last paragraph, according to the writer, one reason why American families are closer is that __

A. the dangers of drug abuse are less. **B.** there is no generation gap.

C. parents are friendlier to children. **D.** the world is an unfriendly place.

Ex 33. Read the following passage and mark the letter A. B. C. or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

In American, although most men still do less housework than their wives, that gap has been halved since the 1960s. Today, 41 per cent of couples say they share childcare equally, compared with 25 percent in 1985. Men's greater involvement at home is good for their relationships with their spouses, and also good for their children. Hands-on fathers make better parents than men who let their wives do all the nurturing and childcare. They raise sons who are more expressive and daughters who are more likely to do well in school - especially in math and science.

In 1900, life expectancy in the United States was 47 years, and only four per cent of the population was 65 or older. Today, life expectancy is 76 years, and by 2025, it is estimated about 20 per cent of the U.S. population will be 65 or older. For the first time, a generation of adults must plan for the needs of both their parents and their children. Most Americans are responding with remarkable grace. One in four households gives the **equivalent** of a full day a week or more in unpaid care to an aging relative, and more than half say they expect to do so in the next 10 years. Older people are less likely to be impoverished or incapacitated by illness than in the past, and have more opportunity to develop a relationship with their grandchildren.

Even some of the choices that worry people the most are turning out to be **manageable**. Divorce rates are likely to remain high, and in many cases marital breakdown causes serious problems for both adults and kids. Yet when parents minimize conflict, family bonds can be maintained. And many families are doing **this**. More non-custodial parents are staying in touch with their children. Child-support receipts are rising. A lower proportion of children from divorced families are exhibiting problems than in earlier decades. And stepfamilies are learning to maximize children's access to supportive adults rather than cutting them off from one side of the family.

1. Which of the following can be the most suitable heading for paragraph 1?

A. Men's involvement at home **C.** Drawbacks of men's involvement at home

B. Benefits of men's involvement at home **D.** Children studying math and science

2. Nowadays, ___ of men help take care of children.

A. 50% **B.** 41% **C.** 25% **D.** 20%

3. According to the writer, old people in the USA ___.

A. are experiencing a shorter life expectancy

B. receive less care from their children than they used to

C. have better relationships with their children and grandchildren

D. may live in worst living conditions

4. Which of the following is NOT true about divorce rates in the USA?

A. They will still be high.

B. They can cause problems for both parents and children.

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