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Test-Taking Skills Booster**Unit 8****READING COMPLETION**

Read the selection. Choose the word or phrase that best completes each statement.

The Consequences of an Aging Population

For the first time in history, we soon will have more (1) people than children. However, even more important than the ratio of old to young people is the increase in their actual numbers (2) an increase in life expectancy. (3) the population of older people gets larger, there will be more cases of age-related conditions and diseases (4) (5) , there will be increased needs for medications and equipment. (6) , some of the most elderly patients will eventually need constant care and assistance with their most basic activities of daily living, (7) more nursing homes will need to be built and more caregivers will have to be trained. (8) governmental resources may not be able to cover costs, much of the expense will need to be borne by families and (9) institutions.

(10) the economic consequences of the growth in the elderly population, there will be significant cultural and social consequences as well. (11) in the past it was common for adult children to stay home to care for older relatives, fewer adults are able or willing to take on that role today. (12) , the shift to institutional rather than home care will represent an immense social change, especially in cultures where older and younger generations have traditionally lived together.

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| 1. A elderly | B young | C married | D unhappy |
| 2. A because | B due to | C until | D nevertheless |
| 3. A In conclusion | B Whereas | C As | D For example |
| 4. A as well | B either | C yet | D not either |
| 5. A Because | B Since | C While | D Consequently |
| 6. A Even though | B Nevertheless | C First of all | D Furthermore |
| 7. A for instance | B so | C whereas | D yet |
| 8. A Nevertheless | B Because | C All the same, | D Therefore |
| 9. A educational | B sporting | C technical | D charitable |

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10. **A** Furthermore **B** While **C** In addition to **D** Unlike
11. **A** Whenever **B** So **C** Yet **D** While
12. **A** As a result **B** Even though **C** First of all **D** It's possible

LISTENING COMPLETION

You will hear a conversation. Read the paragraph below. Then listen and complete each statement with the word or short phrase you hear in the conversation. Listen a second time to check your work.

A father and his daughter are discussing her (1) The father doesn't like the boy because he thinks he's (2) He explains by saying that the boyfriend is always (3) The daughter complains that her father doesn't have any (4) for her (5) She tells him that just because he's (6) doesn't mean he knows everything. The father gets angry at her tone of voice and tells her (7) Now she won't be able to see any movies or make any (8) for two weeks!