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ENGLISH COMMON TEST

(Read the text and do all the activities that follow it on your answer sheet.)

Part One : READING

1 A major influence on the U.S population in 2000 is the "baby boom" that took place between approximately 1948 and 1965. Birthrates rose substantially in the U.S during this period because many couples postponed having children during the Great Depression in the 1930s and during World War II. These couples began to have children at the same time as younger couples who were just getting married. Another reason for the baby boom was the good economic climate conditions during the 1950s which meant that couples could afford to have more children.

5 Demographers use the term "cohort" to mean all the people who were born during a particular year... The cohorts born during the baby boom were much larger than the ones born in the previous years. Because of the larger cohorts born during the baby boom, hospital maternity wards were overcrowded and demand for pediatric health services rose substantially. As the baby boom cohorts got older, elementary schools, then high schools, and then colleges bulged as they tried to cope with a sudden increase in the number of students.

10 As the baby boom cohorts began to enter their childbearing years (between 15 and 49 years of age for women), they had much lower fertility rates than their parents. For example, the Total Fertility Rate for women during the baby boom years 1955 and 1960 averaged 3.7 children per woman. Women born between the baby boom who were having their children between 1985 and 1990 averaged only 1.9 children per woman. However, because the baby boomers were a large proportion of the U.S. population, the number of births actually rose between 1985 and 1995 compared with earlier years. This is the process of population momentum described above. The U.S. has an unusual age structure as a result of the baby boom. Because of this structure, the U.S population will continue to grow for several more decades even if fertility rates remain low. The baby boom will continue to have another major impact on the demography of the United States in the next several decades--baby boomers will contribute to the aging of the population.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A- Find in the text the words or expressions that correspond to the definition below and write your answers like this example :

1. A rapid increase in birthrate
2. Increased in quantity
3. Delayed, moved to some later time
4. Scientists who study human population
5. Full of many people, outnumbered
6. Suddenly became important in number
7. Deal successfully, with a difficult situation
8. The process of giving birth to children
9. Really, in actual fact
10. Initial movement
11. A period of ten years

B- Say if these following sentences are true or false. Write T for true and F for false like this example :

1. The impact on the US population is the increase in birthrates.
2. At that period, birthrates increased dramatically
3. During that many couples decide to immediately have many children
4. Great depression occurred in 1965
5. The economic situation has influenced the childbearing
6. Cohort is a term that designates dead people
7. The baby boom posed many problems in medical services
8. Schools were not influenced by this sudden increase
9. The average family consisted of more than 4 children
10. The US population will still be growing
11. The aging of the US population could be a negative impact

PART TWO

TASK : Should we worry about an increasing world population ? write your answer for your school. English club magazine. (15 to 20 lines).

PART THREE : LANGUAGE IN USE

TASK A: The text below deals with the world's population. Select appropriate words from the box to complete it. One word in the box is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example : 1- studies

Demography, behind, rise, countries, populous, staggering, estimates, population, global, bulge, studies.

A lot of 1(.....) have been made about the world's 2 (.....). Some of them say that India will overtake China as the world's most 3 (.....) country by 2050. A new french study. Indicates that the global population will surge to 9.7 billion people by the end of the century The report by the french institute of demographic studies (INED), 4 (.....) India will be the top spot with a 5 (.....) population of 1.6 billion to leave behind current world leader in population, China , at the the first place with 1.3 billion people.

The overall world 6 (.....) is said to 7(.....) 9.7 bilion in 2050 from the current level of 7.1 billion, the report said.

Currently, the world's most populous 8 (.....) are China with 1.3 billion people ; followed by India (1.2 billion) ; the US (31602 million) ; Indonesia (248.5 million) and Brazil (195.5 million).

The study 9 (.....) the population predictions by UN and the world Bank.

In June, a UN study predicted the 10 (.....) population to 11 (.....) to 9.6 billion in 2050.

« the world population has risen seven-fold over the last two hundred years and is expected to reach 10 or 11 billion by the 11 (.....) of the twenty-first century, « according to the report by Gilles Pison, senior researcher at the French institute.

TASK B : Write these numbers in words.

1. 471,000
2. 590,000
3. 199,501
4. 0.102%
5. 13.03%
6. 56.8%
7. 101,999
8. 6.92%
9. 90,170
10. 2050 (year)