

1. Nowadays men and women in many countries decide to have babies at an older age. What are the reasons? What effects does this trend have on society and family life?

It is sometimes argued that more and more people are waiting until their 30s and 40s to start having babies these days. There are various individual and broader social reasons for this, and in my opinion, there are both positive and negative effects.

~~There are~~The two main causes for ~~the-an~~ age gap between parents and children relate to economics. Firstly, ~~life is~~many individuals believe modern urban life to be more complex and difficult, especially because the cost of living has increased so dramatically in recent decades. Parents have to pay higher prices for housing, education, and health care for kids. For example, the school fees for a seven-year-old child in Shanghai may be up to millions of Chinese yuan annually. Therefore, without hard working and enough dedication to saving, it would be nearly impossible for many young couples to pay a deposit and-for a mortgage or even the great education and a quality education at the same time. Secondly, ~~the changes in conception~~large societal shifts in thinking now make-encourage many young adults to be more eager for independence, freedom and privacy. ~~It has been a typical pattern for people to~~live individually or in small family units in a early timeThe result of this is, particularly in cities, that individuals prefer to live alone or with their parents and the government in nations such as China must now incentivize parenthood through regulation.

On the one hand, this change can be positive. Babies can enjoy better living environments and ~~greater-improved~~educational conditions as ~~elder-older~~parents are more likely to have relatively stable income, and these factors play an active pivotal/crucial role in children's healthy physical and emotional growth. On the other hand, late-child-bearing later in life can also have the result of-in pregnancy problems complications such as low fertility and the higher risk of genetic disorders, which could

Comment [Dave1]: plural – more than 1 reason – try to have more than 1 reason just be safe – reasons relate to changes in society

Comment [Dave2]: plural

Comment [Dave3]: society and family are kind of almost the same

Comment [Dave4]: opinion – opinion on the opinions  
fact – opinion about ....

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Comment [Dave6]: increasing numbers of

Comment [Dave7]: these adjectives here are perfect

Comment [Dave8]: very clear – very accurate

Comment [Dave9]: strong conclusion 7.5/8

Comment [Dave10]: lifestyle changes

Comment [Dave11]: ok topic sentence – fine – a little stronger for your TA CC V if you can include the ideas a bit

Comment [Dave12]: cities

Comment [Dave13]: too general – no one can really know

Comment [Dave14]: specific detail – great!

Comment [Dave15]: true now

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Comment [Dave17]: higher education?

Comment [Dave18]: very clear writing – developed well good ideas

Comment [Dave19]: excellent ideas!

Comment [Dave20]: could state the result a little stronger and more specifically

Comment [Dave21]: excellent paragraph

Comment [Dave22]: this change is positive for overall healthy child development.

Comment [Dave23]: a little more specific

~~also~~ trigger the decline of ~~a national overall~~ population and in turn exacerbate the problem of ageing ~~population demographics~~. For instance, in Japan increasing numbers of adults have tended to have ~~a babies aty in a~~ older ages, which has greatly contributed to Japan's aging problems. The ramifications of this include added pressure on the healthcare system and economic issues related to the workforce.

**Comment [Dave24]:** focused more generally on society – great!

**Comment [Dave25]:** specifically what problems does this cause

In conclusion, wider aging gaps ~~would are becoming probably be the~~ mainstream in most of ~~the~~ countries ~~as the~~ due to increasing social pressures and ~~new novel~~ life styles, and there are both positive and negative effects on general populations that ought to be considered.

**Comment [Dave26]:** good clear conclusion – answer both questions

Overall: 7.5  
7 or 8

**Comment [Dave27]:** much closer to band 8 with most scores

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a teacher would say 'no' bc not qualified  
a parents would say yes bc they understand their kids  
a politician would say no bc difficult to manage  
a student would say no bc they want to spend less time with parents – dif viewpoints

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**Comment [Dave28]:** you didn't think of the idea – they did

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**Comment [Dave30]:** paragraph 3

**2. Some people think personal happiness is directly related to economic success, while others believe this depends on other factors. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.**

**Comment [Dave31]:** financial status

**Comment [Dave32]:** reasons are too obvious, no way to develop them because they are self-evident

**Comment [Dave33]:** discuss the other side for longer

~~People have different views~~ There are divergent views as to about the main factors of behind personal happiness. While ~~the a~~ basic sense of well-being ~~could can be~~ directly derived from wealth, I believe that other factors are equally important with

regard to experiencing or achieving ~~mental~~ happiness.

On the one hand, I agree that money is necessary in order for people to meet their basic needs ~~in a more challenging globalized world~~. It would be ~~hard~~ ~~nearly impossible~~ for ~~an~~ individuals to be happy if he or she does not have a safe place to live and enough food to eat. ~~However,~~ ~~However, the modern world exacerbates this by presenting novel and life is more complex and difficult now than the past challenges,~~ ~~especially because the related to the rising costs of living in mega large cities has increased so dramatically.~~ It is more difficult for average citizens to support themselves without ~~significant financial achievements~~ ~~stability/resources~~. According to ~~recent longitudinal research conducted an experiment~~ in Shanghai, over sixty percent of ~~people residents~~ have experienced feelings of worry and anxiety because of ~~the great increased pressure of all related to~~ household bills. ~~Therefore,~~ ~~economic success is the basic foundation upon which all individuals must begin to build a happy life.~~

Nevertheless, I believe that other considerations are just as important as financial conditions. Firstly, happiness ~~lies in~~ ~~requires good~~ health. ~~An~~ Individuals will find it ~~nearly~~ impossible to be happy with ~~a~~ deteriorating health condition ~~such as a chronic disease like cancer and the concomitant huge~~ mental pressure. Secondly, most people would agree that the greatest joy in life is usually found in shared experiences with family and friends. It is rare to find a person who is content to ~~live in complete isolation because,~~ ~~apart from~~ ~~from~~ the positive feelings of financial success, ~~people those~~ who live alone may experience feelings of loneliness, isolation and anxiety and ~~may will likely~~ miss out the emotional support that families and friends can provide.

In conclusion, while money certainly affect ~~people's~~ ~~living condition and satisfaction~~ ~~standards/conditions~~, I do not believe that money outweighs ~~all other~~ healthy ~~needs~~ and emotional ~~desires~~ ~~needs~~. ~~Individuals must strive to earn money while at the same time valuing more meaningful experiences.~~

**Comment [Dave34]:** basic requirement but not guarantee of success.

**Comment [Dave35]:** good – make it a little stronger

**Comment [Dave36]:** this is where the logic has some problems

**Comment [Dave37]:** modern life has become more complex and potentially hazardous to mental health

**Comment [Dave38]:** research conducted over many years

**Comment [Dave39]:** instead of switching to say that money isn't enough – make the argument that money can be enough

**Comment [Dave40]:** frame it the right away

**Comment [Dave41]:** in china 30 years the average citizen could meet their basic living needs on a salary of several thousand dollars a year. However, today this would not even come close to covering the cost of rent for an entire year. Nowadays, residents must earn upwards of 30,000 dollars a year to ensure only the most basic standard of living. Without such success in a career, an individual would become very vulnerable, sinking into poverty where the chances of happiness are nearly non-existent.

**Comment [Dave42]:** personal / emotional / mental health – define the considerations

**Comment [Dave43]:** resulting from this

**Comment [Dave44]:** a little most specific and detail and expanded

**Comment [Dave45]:** good sentence – well developed!

**Comment [Dave46]:** one final thought at the end

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