

# An Aging Population

Vocabulary

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**Longevity**

**Fertility**

**the most surprising demographic development**

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# Task 27-33

- The longer lives of people of today must be prepared for.
- The longer lives will affect economics, family life, old age care and health services.
- The aging population has been caused by a drop in fertility, improvements in health and **27**.....; the former is surprisingly seen in many **28**..... .
- One key area to consider is the age for retirement benefits to be paid - this has changed a lot recently in **29**....., due to various conditions and trends.
- A lot of **30**..... is required in many countries and some have already done this - usually by raising the official pension age or raising the **31**..... of people still working.
- Other new financial instruments have also been launched.
- Longer life expectancy will also lead to different family **32**..... living with each other more.
- There has been no previous **33**..... of such a change in family demographics.

# Answers

27. longevity

28. less developed countries

29. more developed nations

30. reform

31. contributions

32. generations

33. (historical) precedent

**life expectancy**

**mortality rates**

**Non-communicable diseases**

**disability**

**mobilise and allocate resources**

**mitigate the impact of**

**to raise awareness**

**address the challenges and opportunities**

**It is critical to address problems sooner rather than later.**

In boxes **34-39** on your answer sheet write:

**YES** if the statement agrees with the writer's views.

**NO** if the statement doesn't agree with the writer's views.

**NOT GIVEN** if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this.

**34.** It is no shock that low- and middle-income countries have experienced a significant rise in non-communicable diseases.

**35.** While the numbers of people with chronic diseases have increased around the world, the numbers of people with disability problems have reduced.

**36.** It is theorised that money invested short-term in Asia will later be reinvested back in the West.

**37.** It is predicted that problems in the international flow of capital will lead to armed conflict between some countries.

**38.** All the effects of population aging around the world have still not been fully realised.

**39.** It would be better to wait a while to see how the situation develops, as fast decisions could create problems in the future.

# Answers

- 34. NO
- 35. NO
- 36. YES
- 37. NOT GIVEN
- 38. YES
- 39. NO

## 40. What is the writer's purpose in Reading Passage 216?

- - A) To provide suggestions on how developed countries can deal with their aging populations.
  - B) To provide an overview of the causes and effects of the world's aging population.
  - C) To provide potential suggestions on how to prevent the world's aging population from increasing.
  - D) To provide a historical analysis of the causes of today's aging population.

**TRUE** - if the statement agrees with the information

**FALSE** - if the statement contradicts the information

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- **5.** Elderly people in India are not always being looked after as well as they were in the past
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**1. True 2. False 3. Not Given 4. True 5. True 6. False 7. Not Given**

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