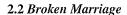
Teen Problems—Family Relationship

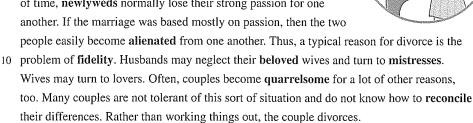
Reading Comprehension

Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions.

Reading Passage 1



In the past, marriages were **presumed** to end only when a person became a **widow** or *widower*. Today, however, large numbers of people in many countries choose to end their marriage by divorce. These numbers seem to be growing each year. One reason for the increase in divorces might be that more women build their own careers and can support themselves. After a period of time, **newlyweds** normally lose their strong passion for one another. If the marriage was based mostly on passion, then the two people easily become **alienated** from one another. Thus, a typical results in the control of the control



If there are children, then one parent has to take care of them alone after the **breakup**.

This single parent has to change diapers, feed the baby, and then put the child in a **crib** and get him to sleep. In addition, the single parent probably also has a full-time job. As the children get older, **upbringing** gets tougher. A child might feel **resentment** toward one or both parents because of the divorce. Children need the love and support of both parents. But it is difficult for a parent to be a father while taking the responsibilities of **motherhood** as well. Although a man and a woman may divorce each other, they do not divorce their children. Both parents should do their best to help and support each other as they **nurture** their children.





alienated: ['eljənˌetɪd] adj 被疏離的	nurture: ['nɔtʃəː] v 教養
beloved: [bɪˈlʌvɪd] adj 摯愛的	presume: [prɪˈzum] ν 假定
breakup: ['brek,ʌp] n 分手	quarrelsome: [ˈkwɔrəlsəm] adj 好爭論的
crib: [krɪb] n 嬰兒床	reconcile: ['rɛkənˌsaɪl] v 使和好
fidelity: [faɪˈdɛlətɪ] n 忠貞	resentment: [rɪˈzɛntmənt] n 憤怒
mistress: ['mɪstrɪs] n 情婦	upbringing: [`ʌpˌbrɪŋɪŋ] n 教養
motherhood: ['mʌðə·hud] n 母親身分	widow: ['wɪdo] n 赛婦
newlywed: ['njulɪˌwɛd] n 新婚者	widower: [ˈwɪdoə-] n 鰥夫

Re	ading Comprehens	ion Choose the	correct answers.		
Mai	n Idea				
1.	This passage mainl	y discusses			
	(A) the problems o	f being a single pare	ent		
	(B) the reasons for	the increase in divo	rces		
	(C) why women sh	ould not have a care	er		
	(D) the effects a direct	vorce has on children	n		
Sup	porting Idea				
2.	A reason suggested	I for the increase in t	he number of divorce	es is	
	(A) more and more	women are now abl	le to support themselv	/es	
	(B) the wife might	get too busy at work	to take care of the fa	mily	
	(C) single parent fa	amilies are now more	e acceptable and popu	ılar	
	(D) one parent mig	tht become too old to	take care of the chile	dren	
M	ultiple Choice	Choose the correct o	inswers.		
1.	He had a strict	; no wonder he is	s such a nice person.		
	(A) upbringing	(B) newlywed	(C) widow	(D) mistress	
2.	2. David felt toward the coach after he yelled at him in front of the team.				
	(A) alienated	(B) resentment	(C) quarrelsome	(D) beloved	
3.	3. The went to Bali, in Indonesia, for a three-week honeymoon.				
	(A) widow	(B) mistress	(C) motherhood	(D) newlyweds	
4.	Geniuses may feel	from others	because people think	they are very special.	
	(A) reconciled	(B) alienated	(C) beloved	(D) quarrelsome	
5.	is importan	nt if people want to r	nake their marriage la	ast forever.	
	(A) Upbringing	(B) Breakup	(C) Fidelity	(D) Resentment	
6.	Most people find it	difficult to be friend	ds with Mark because	he is so	
	(A) quarrelsome	(B) alienated	(C) beloved	(D) upbringing	

(C) breakup

(D) nurture

7. Julie cried for many days after her _____ with Alex.

(B) motherhood

(A) crib

Reading Passage 2

2.2 Living with Older Parents

These days, the younger generation, unlike their ancestors, prefers not to live with their parents. Both men and women would rather spend time with fellow students or workers. Therefore, after getting married, they seldom choose to live with their parents, returning home only during festivals or reunions.

Living with older parents is good both for the **elderly** and the young. Older people miss being a mother or father to their children. Helping with their grandchildren is one way to deal with this problem. It allows young couples to **rely** on their parents' help when they first have a baby, especially if the mother gives birth to **twins**. The older parents can help baby-sit. Also, the grandchildren like to interact with their grandparents. Their grandchildren sit on their laps and even give them **nicknames** to show their love. They do not mind if the children are not so *obedient*. However, there can be a problem when the grandchildren are caught in a **tug-of-war** between grandparents who want to give the children everything and parents who are trying to teach their children **obedience**. There can also be **tension** between the grandparents on the mother's side and those on the father's side. Things can be a little *tense* when the grandparents on both sides of the family want to spend more time with their grandchildren and build more **intimate** relationships.

If there are no problems, however, young couples who have parents living with them can do more **sightseeing** or just have fun. Perhaps their **pals** will even be **jealous** of them because they live with their parents.





ancestor: ['ænsɛstər] n 祖先	rely: [rɪˈlaɪ] v 依菲		
elderly: ['ɛldə·lɪ] n 長者	reunion: [ri`junjən] n		
generation: [ˌʤɛnəˈreʃən] n 世代	seldom: ['sɛldəm] adv 很少		
intimate: [`ɪntəˌmet] adj 親密的	sightseeing: [ˈsaɪt,siɪŋ] n 觀光		
jealous: [`ʤɛləs] <i>adj</i> 嫉妒的	tension: [`tɛnʃən] n 緊張		
nickname: [ˈnɪkˌnem] n 綽號、暱稱	tense: [tɛns] adj 緊張的		
obedience: [ə`bidɪəns] n 服從、聽話	tug-of-war: ['tʌɡəv'wər] n 拔河		
obedient: [ə'bɪdɪənt] adj 服從的、聽話的	twin: [twɪn] n 雙胞胎之一		
pal: [pæl] n 朋友			

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Choose the correct answers.

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Ma	in Idea				
1.	What is the write	r discussing in the p	assage?		
	(A) The advantages of married adults living with their parents.				
	(B) The responsibilities of married adults who live with their parents.				
	(C) Why older parents should not live with their married children.				
	(D) Why fewer n	narried adults are che	oosing to live with the	eir parents.	
Sup	porting Idea				
2.	According to the	passage, what can o	lder parents do for the	eir married children?	
	 According to the passage, what can older parents do for their married children? (A) Make dinner while they are at work. 				
	(B) Help the coup	ple clean the house.			
	(C) Drive them to	and from their office	ce.		
	(D) Help take car	e of their children.			
(M	ultiple Choice	Choose the correct	answers.		
1.	All her friends are	e of her beca	use the teacher loves	her most	
	(A) jealous	(B) intimate	(C) seldom	(D) tension	
_				(D) tollololl	
2.		t, the classroom was			
	(A) nicknames	(B) reunions	(C) tension	(D) twins	
3.	The man wanted t	o have a child, but h	e did not expect his v	wife to have	
	(A) ancestors		(B) twins		
	(C) generations		(D) reunions		
4.	We have been	for many years	I can tell her anythin	ng.	
	(A) nicknames	(B) twins	(C) pals	(D) reunions	
			•	(D) leamons	
5.	Last weekend, the class went at Hualien.				
	(A) reunion		(B) obedience		
	(C) sightseeing		(D) ancestor		
6.	I have always wan	ted to have a more _	relationship w	ith my dad.	
	(A) intimate	(B) jealous	(C) tension	(D) obedience	
7.	His true name is E	Robert, but his	is Robby		
			(C) reunion	(D) nickname	