**Ali – W6 T2**

**Nowadays, more and more people decide to have children later in their life. What are the reasons? What are the effects of this on society and families?**

Nowadays, a growing number of couples prefer to become parents at an older age. Although this trend has various reasons, the consequences of this decision are unavoidable for society and families.

The decision of having children later in life is a complex and multi-dimensional subject. Firstly and as the most common reason, the economic and financial situation plays a vital role in delaying childbirth. As expenses are increasing every day, having children will intensify household costs. Consequently, many couples postpone accepting parental roles until they are sure they can provide sufficient funds for raising a newborn. The second reason is the fact that some immature couples believe having a child requires extra time and energy, which contradicts their desire to enjoy life freely. Therefore, they avoid parental duties until they find themselves ready to take the responsibility of having a child.

On the other hand, parenthood in older ages has a wide range of notable effects on the foundation of families and society. While the divorce rate is higher during the early years of marriage, parents who have children are more likely to compromise and resolve interpersonal conflicts compared to those without children. So, late childbirth increases the likelihood and rate of divorce in society. Furthermore, couples who prefer to have children later in life not only miss out on the joys of motherhood and fatherhood, but also, due to the larger age gap, their relationship with their children becomes more challenging. In addition, the increasing trend of late childbearing has another repercussion on society's long-term demographic structure. This trend will decrease the birthrate and lead to negative population growth, resulting in an aging population within a few decades.

In conclusion, financial considerations and not accepting parental responsibilities/duties have led individuals to delay childbirth, which has traumatic consequences for both family life and society.

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