***Task 2***

As a new trend in modern society, many young couples tend to postpone their parenthood until they reach their middle age. Certain factors lead to this social issue which will bring about some negative impacts on both family life and society.

Having babies in life is decreased among spouses in comparison to the past decades. The individuals' desire to secure their financial independence before becoming parents prompt many couples to delay parenthood. As we live in a materialistic world, many people decide to start raising a family after being financially secured to ensure a better life for their children as they should pay a huge amount of money for their education and maintenance. Additionally, as more women have pursued education and entered the workforce, they tend to marry later. In short, women's priority in life has shifted into self-independency rather than starting a family and child upbringing.

In my opinion, this tendency might lead to several drawbacks. To begin with, having children later in life will cause a significant age gap between the two generations which makes it harder for parents to communicate with their children. Furthermore, the long-term falling fertility rates will mean an aging population with a lack of young people to work and take care of the elderly. Plus, society will incline to face more small families. Studies show that single children are more threatened by a mental illness like depression as they have no siblings at home to spend time with.

In conclusion, the common desire to deferring childbirth among young adults can be attributed to different reasons and it is undeniable that society and families will suffer from its disadvantages in the future.