**ITEM NO. 19**

**THEME : THE ELDERLY**

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| Domain: Reading Literacy | Theme: **THE ELDERLY** | Class(es): VIII  Expected Time: 20  Total Credit:10 |
| Description of Item:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Text | √ | | Image | × | | Table | × | | Graph | × | | Map | × | | Poem | × | | Learning Outcome:  Understand and locate a single piece of explicitly stated information , Understand and interpret, Locate Information, Evaluate and Reflect, Locating and organizing several pieces of embedded information | |

**THE ELDERLY**

People always need a place to live, especially when they are getting older. While some people continue living with their family, some go (or are made to go) to places that are built particularly for the elderly, which we call nursing home and stay for the rest of their lives. With these 2 ways, the need for a house is fulfilled, but I believe that staying at home with family members does a better job in creating a good living environment for old people due to cost, people' emotions, and family values.  
Firstly, let's consider the amount of money we need to pay for the nursing home. Of course, if someone is homeless, he can stay in a nursing home for free. However, if an old man has a family, but refuses to live with them, either his family or he has to pay to live in a nursing home. If you want the best living conditions for the elderly, the service may cost you a lot of money. Moreover, living in good medical conditions, people seems to live longer, which means the amount of money you pay is remarkable. On the contrary, staying at home almost doesn't charge you anything. You don't to spend your money that much.  
Secondly, we have to think about what the elderly feel to decide what the best is for them. A lot of people misunderstand that living with good medical conditions leads to happiness. An old man living in nursing home can have many friends; however, he is truly happy only when they are able to spend the time with their family, maybe just having dinners together every night. What is more, the elderly will not feel that they are useless when living with their family because there is one important thing that they are involved in educating their children or grandchildren. Watching them grow up everyday also satisfies the elderly.  
Lastly, not living with family members may affect family values badly. A child needs to be taken care. As a result, what if a boy's parents are always busy and his grandparents are not there to raise them? Obviously he is unhappy and become a cruel in the future. Besides, watching their parents kick their grandparents away, a kid will do the same thing when they are mature, which destroys beautiful family values.  
  
Some people may think that living in a nursing home provides good medical service. Nevertheless, it can **cause** bad effects that many people are not aware of yet.  
In short, living with the family is a better for the elderly because it doesn’t cost them money, it brings them real happiness and it maintain good family environment. Everyone has the right to choose where to live, but from where I stand, nothing is better for you than your family.

Source:-<https://rakminhstar91.typepad.com/blog/2010/06/essay-the-elderly.html>

**Q1:-What is the best place to live in the old age?**

1. The places which are built particularly for the elderly.
2. Nursing homes
3. With relatives
4. With his family.

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| Framework | Characteristics |
| Scenario | Educational |
| Text Format | Continuous |
| Text Type | Description |
| Process | Located information |
| Response Item | Simple multiple choice |
| Proficiency Level | 1b |

**Full credit** :-d) With his family

**No credit:-** any other option.

**Q2:-Which type of tone used in this passage?**

1. Didactic
2. Ironical
3. Ethical
4. Cautionary

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| Framework | Characteristics |
| Scenario | Educational |
| Text Format | Continuous |
| Text Type | Description |
| Process | Locate information |
| Response Item | complex multiple choice |
| Proficiency Level | 1a |

**Full credit:-** c) Ethical

**No credit:-** Any other option

**Q3:- According to this passage in which condition an old man can stay in a nursing home for free?**

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| Framework | Characteristics |
| Scenario | Educational |
| Text Format | Continuous |
| Text Type | Description, exposition |
| Process | Constructing information from a limited part of the text |
| Response Item | Open constructed response |
| Proficiency Level | 2 |

**Full credit**:-1- If someone is homeless, he can stay in a nursing home for free,

**Partial credit:-** ,1- If an old man has a family, but refused to live with him,2- One who removed from the house by his family.(any one or both)

**No credit:-** Other irrelevant answer

**Q4:-What are the benefits to live with the elderly?**

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| Framework | Characteristics |
| Scenario | Educational |
| Text Format | Continuous |
| Text Type | Description, |
| Process | Understanding and Analyse |
| Response Item | Close constructed response |
| Proficiency Level | 3 |

**Full credit:-**1- Good living environment for children

2-Emotions develops in children

3- Children understand the value of family

4-Money is also saved.

5-In today’s busy life grandparents can take care of the children in absence of parents if they are at house.

**Partial Credit**:- Any three

**No credit:-** Any other irrelevant answer

**Q5: -We want to be with our family in our old age but we don’t want to keep our parents with us in their old age, According to this passage, what is the rational solution of this problem?**

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| Framework | Characteristics |
| Scenario | Educational |
| Text Format | Continuous |
| Text Type | Description, |
| Process | Reflect and evaluate |
| Response Item | Open constructed response |
| Proficiency Level | 4 |

**Full credit:-**

1-We ought to living with our parents, grandparents. If we don’t live with our family members it can affect family values badly.

2- A child needs to be taken care. As a result, what if a boy's parents are always busy and his grandparents are not there to raise them? Obviously, he is unhappy and become a cruel in the future. Besides, watching their parents kick their grandparents away, a kid will do the same thing when they are mature, which destroys beautiful family values.3-If we want to be with our family in old age, we have to teach our children about the value of family by our own character.

**Partial credit:** - Any one and other relevant answer

**No credit: -** other irrelevant answer