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In some countries the difference in age between parents and children is generally greater than it was in the past. Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

Over the past decades many couples have delayed having children. Consequently, in some parts of the world people might become fathers and mothers at a later age than before. While there are some drawbacks to this trend, I believe that the benefits are ultimately greater.

On the one hand, older women risk more complications during childbirth. For instance, **Downs Syndrome** is a disorder related to **giving birth** during later life. The mother herself risks developing illnesses or other health problems from the pregnancy. It can also be significantly harder for older women to **conceive children**, in some cases necessitating fertilisation treatments. Moreover, older parents—especially those who conceive in their late thirties—get to spend less time with their children in life compared to parents who **start a family** in their early twenties.

Despite these drawbacks, we need to consider other crucial factors. Firstly, the **labour market** has become increasingly competitive. Subsequently, young people may defer having children to **focus on** their career. Secondly, finding suitable accommodation to raise a family has become a serious problem in many urban areas. For example, in major cities young workers are **priced out of the housing market** and forced to live with their parents. Therefore, couples delay their dreams of starting a family until they save enough money. Their savings can eventually be used to provide a step up onto the **property ladder** and into a suitable place to raise children.

To conclude, I believe the advantages do outweigh the disadvantages. Medical science can protect the older mother and children need a stable home life. Therefore, in my opinion, it is better to wait before **bringing children into this world**.

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Vocabulary

Downs Syndrome (noun) A congenital disorder caused by the presence of an extra 21st chromosome and marked usually by moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, short stature, and a flattened facial profile. Also called trisomy 21.

give birth to (someone or something) (idiom) To birth a baby.
Angela gave birth to a beautiful baby girl last night.

conceive children - To get pregnant.

start a family (idiom) To begin having children.

I just think you need a more stable job if we're going to start a family.
Why does everyone ask when we'll start a family now that we're married? Not every married couple wants kids!

labour market - The labour market refers to the supply and demand for labour in which employees provide the supply and employers the demand.

focus on (someone or something) (idiom) To cause someone or something to centre on or be dedicated to something in particular. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "focus" and "on."

I think we still need to focus our efforts on fundraising right now.

urban area (noun) - a city area considered as the inner city plus built-up environs, irrespective of local body administrative boundaries

price (oneself, someone, or something) out of the market (idiom) To change the price of something in such a way that the market becomes no longer competitive or viable for oneself, someone, or something.

They've really priced themselves out of the market by selling the new model at such a high price.

Giant retail chains are pricing locally owned shops out of the market all over the country.

demographic trend - A popular term for any measurable change in the characteristics of a population over time—e.g., increased or decreased concentration of a particular ethnic group, sex ratio, etc.

Property ladder - The property ladder is a term widely used in the United Kingdom to describe the relative differences in constant terms from cheaper to more expensive housing.

According to this metaphor, an individual or family's lifetime progress can be travelled equally from cheap houses for younger first-time buyers who are typically at the bottom of the property ladder, and expensive houses are at the top. 'Getting on to the property ladder' is the process of buying one's first house and holding a place on the volatile property market. NOTE - A metaphor is a figure of speech that refers, for rhetorical effect, to one thing by mentioning another thing.

bring (someone) into the world (idiom) 1. To give birth to a baby.

It's a big responsibility to bring a baby into the world.

2. To assist the birth of a baby.

Dr. Brown is a fine obstetrician—she brought all three of my kids into the world.

范文解析：

这是一篇社会类话题的利弊类文章。作者在文章中使用了双边类的大作文结构，对于生孩子早和晚的两个方面的弊端都进行了讨论。首先作者在首段改写题目并且表达了自己的观点。其次在主体段，作者首先论述了生孩子较晚的坏处。在这一主体段中，作者使用了“论点，解释，举例”的结构来进行论述，这是主体段写作中的基本结构之一。第二个主体段中，作者论述了生孩子早会面临的社会考验，作者使用了“主题句 → Firstly → For example → Secondly → Finally”的结构。这样的结构可以使文章的思路更加清晰。结尾段，作者总结上文并且重申自己的观点。整篇文章的前后举例论证和逻辑结构清晰有序。文章中使用了一些地道的单词短语和表达，各位考生可以模仿学习。文中使用的类似写作技巧和逻辑结构在启德 2019 雅思标准化教材的强化段第八课有详细的介绍。社会类题目写作技巧也会在标准化教材中有详细地讲解。如果大家想学习更多关于雅思写作的内容，欢迎大家来启德上课。

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