

1. Lesson5. Teacher: After the student reads the instructions, help the student generate ideas and write an outline before writing an essay as described in the instructions. Correct any spelling, grammar or punctuation mistakes.

4[A] – Aging Population



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- Write an essay on the given TOPIC covering three of the POINTS below the space provided on your answer sheet.
- **Structure:** Three or more paragraphs, including an introduction and conclusion.
- **Length:** Around 200 words.

TOPIC

Will societies with aging populations face a crisis in the future?

POINTS

- Birthrate
- Family responsibility
- Health care
- Immigration
- Role of senior citizens
- Taxes

2. Example Answer



- This essay will take issue with the notion that societies with aging populations will inevitably face insurmountable social and welfare problems.*
- Immigration, which is often seen in a negative light, should be encouraged. Of course, integration is not always easy, but the majority of immigrants not only work hard, they also create new businesses in so-called mature economies. This brings in tax revenue, which can then be used to provide care for the older members of society.*
- In today's busy world, many of us have forgotten the importance of looking after our families. We need to turn the clock back to the time when children felt it was their duty to care for their parents rather than leave that task to society as a whole.*
- Finally, even if we view senior citizens as commodities, it is clear they are not being sufficiently exploited at the present. Why force people to retire at 60 if they wish to continue working? With advances in technology, we will see more job opportunities arise that do not need physical strength but do require experience and insight—things the older generation have plenty of.*
- If action is taken now, it is possible to ensure that senior citizens are a boon—not a burden—to society in the future.*