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Being a family means you are a part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life.” *Lisa Weed*

“Family is not an important thing. It’s everything.” *Michael J. Fox*

“Life is beautiful. It’s about giving. It’s about family.” *Walt Disney*



“Govern a family as you would cook a small fish – very gently” *Chinese proverb*

Family is one of the most important, if not the most important thing in our lives. Taking time every day to appreciate your loved ones for all that they do helps us to reconnect as a family. Having somewhere to go is home. Having someone to love is family. And having both is a blessing.

Our students present their views on the role of the family in modern society and try to answer the question if it is so important to have a family nowadays.

The only place where person comes to life from, where they get warm and love is your family. During the centuries the cult of family was becoming stronger, in past times it was like something celestial or heaven-sent. But it seems like nowadays career and business take all people`s time, and there is no more place for family. So maybe it`s not so necessary to start one?

Today a lot of films, books and music are about single life: hanging out, working, doing hobbies, being free - characters of modern art compositions are independent and happy, they prove that a person can get everything by their own whether age, sex or nationality. There is no more worship at the shrine of necessity of being married, having children, buying a dog and **die** with good marks from relatives. People are freewill to do what they want.

But, actually, when people get enough of parties and have a well-paid job, among loneliness and maybe plenty of money they become to realize, what family really is. Growing up, getting wisdom and life experience people get that family is a new adult way to become happy. Taking responsibilities, paying



taxes, loving, getting hurt, raising kids, petting a cat or a dog (or both), building a family house, doing other family things you'll get an opportunity to be loved, important and satisfied with life.

So, I think that the decision to build family nowadays must be taken only after the realization of all person's desires and dreams, when they are ready to live and to act as a husband or wife and as a parent. There are people who will not ever be ready for that. Nevertheless, family is still an important part of society life, because everyone wants to be happy, don't they?

Anna Moskvitina, gr. V3211(411)

There are so many reasons why people need a family nowadays more than ever before. A strong and prosperous family, a family in which love, mutual support and mutual responsibility flourish, is the greatest luxury we can have nowadays.

The family plays an enormous role in shaping our personality. It provides psycho-physiological comfort and makes everyone aware of their importance and usefulness. The more



demanded and valued a person feels, the more strength and zeal they have to overcome any difficulties that have happened in their lives. Each of us wants to be loved and to love, because it is love that saves us from loneliness, the greatest fear of humankind.

In today's society, in the age of material values and high technology, people have relegated to the background, if not further, the intimacy of souls and knowing yourself through the person with whom you would like to create a family. Many people do not understand the value of family unit, of the holiday atmosphere when the whole family gathers around one table and discusses various topics; evenings that you could spend not alone and discuss your day with your beloved and dearest person, and have become meaningless or unattainable for many people.

Today, because of the situation my country finds itself in, family is really the most precious thing one puts in the first place when many leave their home and don't know when to return. We have rethought everything, reassessed our values. At the moment a call from a loved one, from someone you can safely call a family member is the greatest happiness, just to hear "Everything is well, I'm fine" and nothing else is needed. Now, more than ever we should appreciate every day we spend with our loved ones, because they are our greatest value, the value that makes us want to keep moving forward, not to rest on our laurels, always hope for the best and believe in ourselves, because this is also important.

Elizaveta Kyslytsia, gr. V3211(411)

In my opinion, family is very important in our time. Especially during the war, everyone needs support, protection, and conversations. Who but family members can help in this, of



course there are still friends, but nowadays we really know if they can be real friends. For me, a friend is a member of the family. It's also very important not to forget about the teamwork, you need to do everything together, help each other in everything. You can often hear that family quarrels are normal. I do not completely agree with it. I have a little experience with a girl, and for a long time we have never quarreled, because we have defined for ourselves the main rule: "If anything does not

suit - say". The same rule should be in the family.

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In the past the main reason for creating a family was procreation. People needed each other's support to ensure a secure future. But time does not stand still and our consciousness changes. So, procreation for modern people is not the main meaning of life. Undoubtedly, some part of people adheres to traditional worldviews even nowadays. Now the idea of starting a family is considered rationally, but also remains an important part in the life of mankind. People themselves choose how to live, alone or in a large family, because the age of obligatory kinship is in the past. The family is an important link that needs to be taken care of, but, unfortunately, not every person is ready for this. As a result, we have a large percentage of dysfunctional families.

Also, in our time, the majority of young people put a career and self-realization in the first place, and then goes a family, because without finance there is no well-being. The older generation does not always understand this and imposes its traditional values. Under pressure, mostly girls, start families early and cripple their lives, as caring for the family and, possibly, children come to the fore, thereby replacing their own needs and interests.



I think that you need to create a family at a conscious age and understand what difficulties await you. After weighing all the pros and cons, you can make a decision. After all, family is not just a word, it is care not only about yourself, but also about other people. It can be concluded that the family is now a personal choice for everyone and it is not worth judging people who are different from us.

Nika Melnykova, gr. II3 2112

In our time, in most countries, a concept such as the institution of the family has been destroyed. This is very bad.

Most children now live in defective families, parents justify this by saying that it will be better this way, but in fact the child feels that what they once had will no longer be available.

If you delve into this, then there are two ways, in my opinion, if a child is under 15 years old, then this will have an extremely negative impact on their understanding in the world in most cases, this includes, for example, such cases as the fact that there is a guy and he is brought up only by his mother, according to scientific research, such guys grow up very shy and insecure, which is naturally bad for them. Since that time, he has already formed his own opinion on this matter, that is, in this case, he will choose the side of the parent. But this is also bad, because the child, although an adult, but again, the feeling that he had a family, and now he will not be with him.



That is why in our time the family is important, although, unfortunately, it is neglected or, as adults say, "it will be better for everyone" - that is, the removal of responsibility for one's actions.

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First, let's understand what the word "family" means. A family is a place where everyone was born, brought up, acquires some skills, learns traditions and values, gets an education, acquires such traits as humanity, sociality, tolerance, mutual understanding, politeness and much more, which simply one cannot live without in modern world. Parents help us through all these stages. They play the most important role in our lives. At school we are taught various subjects that help us build a career ladder and become a promising and prosperous person in future, and then at home our parents give us upbringing, good habits and care. Brothers and sisters also influence our self-realization. If they are elder, we feel more protected; they help understand how the world «works» and how to behave better. Younger brothers and sisters engender care, guardianship, kindness, help and compassion. As for me, the main qualities of a good family will always be the following ones: support, love, trust, good relationship. I am very glad that every aspect is present in my family. Starting a family is easy. To make a decision for two people to live under one roof, a declaration of love is enough. You should be ready to sacrifice your time and desires for the sake of your family. It is necessary to feel responsibility for loved ones, to pay them much of your attention. A family can become truly strong when it passes the test of time. Life is never cloudless. Joys are replaced by sorrows; hopes are sometimes justified, but often end in disappointments. And every family is tested for strength. In addition, there are other values that fill our lives: work, friends, hobbies, and politics. But it seems to me that nothing can replace families. The time spent with loved ones is invaluable.

In conclusion, I would like to say that family plays a huge role both in the life of an individual and in the whole society. It provides a person with comfort. In the family, a person experiences a sense of their usefulness and importance.

Yuriy Platonov, gr.651

Being a modern man today is no different than it was a century ago. It's all about adhering to principle. Sure, fashion, technology and architecture change over time, as do standards of etiquette, not to mention ways of carrying oneself in the public sphere. But the modern man will take the bits from the past that strike him as relevant and blend them with the stuff of today. Ultimately, it's presumptuous to define the modern man. What's most important is that we make our own list and strive to live by it each day. We have no business defining who we are. That's something we are challenged to define for ourselves.

A modern person is someone who's updated with the latest news, technological advancements and fashion trends. A modern person is someone who has a strong sense of self, enjoys deep conversations with friends and an adventurous heart that can explore the world. A modern person is someone who has a passion for life, a deep level of spirituality, a love for their family and friends, and a respect and compassion for all living things. In short, a modern person is one who cultivates positive habits and a positive attitude, and is constantly working toward self-improvement. A person who is 'modern' adopts the best habits of the past, and builds on them, to stay at the top of their game and live life to the fullest.

An individual who is professionally, socially and technologically proficient is a modern person. They

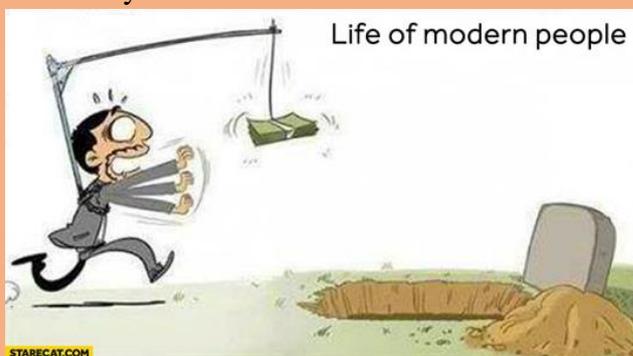


are not afraid of new technology and are the first to adapt to it and make it work for them. They are in touch with modern social media, aware of the latest developments in the world and are always quick to take advantage of opportunities to grow. They are also well-groomed, stylish and aware of the latest fashion and trends.

A modern person is a person who gets informed, gets inspired and gets empowered by creating & sharing his own information. A modern person is a person who maintains his own library of resources & believes in using them. A modern person is a person who is committed to principles and never compromises with those, even if that means losing his job.

Elnur Talibov, gr.920

To define exactly what a modern person is, can be a very difficult task. Circumstances change and as a result a person changes too. But for me a modern person is the one who wants to be free, wants to dream and act. They are the ones who move to the goal and achieve it in spite of all hardships. Yes, they are scared, sometimes filled with hatred, but nevertheless they can still love. They love those who are close and dear to them, who are very far away...whom they will



never see again...

I can confidently say that you are a modern person. You, who lives in a state of war. You, who defends our country. You, who looks to the future with hope and tears in your eyes.

I'm surprised, but only a modern person can be so beautiful with tearful eyes. You smile even when you want to scream in pain,

you try to joke to hide your fear and pain.

And as a modern person you must stay human. In this difficult time but only this fact can save us making us better. Don't turn your back on those around you. Don't prey on others. And never hide your feelings. You may cry and be confused. Don't try to be strong. We are all scared and that's okay.

It is very difficult to be in the role of a modern person, but we cope with it. I'm proud of my people, but I'm not proud of what made us who we are...

Leontiieva Iryna, gr.651

The world around us is constantly changing. Each succeeding generation differs from the previous one not only in the way of life, but also in technological and social development and a changed worldview.

In the modern world, the term modern man can be considered several aspects of human development: technological and moral. If everything is clear with technological modernity - a person masters new technologies, and, at their expense, greatly simplifies their work and expands their own capabilities; then with the moral of human development everything is much more complicated.

Moral development itself refers to the social component of human life. A person who treats others well, has a significant stock of diverse knowledge and is able to operate with them in dialogue with other people will always have a higher position in society than a person who does not have similar qualities. Also, an important factor of a modern man is his tolerance for the views of other actors in society, which is primarily the ability to listen to and analyze the judgments of others without insisting on their own opinion as the only correct one.

Besides, having the significant flow of information in the modern world, a developed person should not blindly believe any information obtained from news or Internet sources, but check and analyze it.

In today's world, a person is not just an element of the system, it is an individual who has the opportunity to express their own opinions, or to accept the judgments of others, and at their expense to adjust their own worldview.

Dmytro Ahlenko, gr. 920

The world and our lives are changing at speeds never before experienced. The family, like everything else, has been doing its own kind of changing. Here are some interesting facts about families.

1. The definition of a 'family' used by the Office for National Statistics is "a married, civil partnered or cohabiting couple with or without children, or a lone parent with at least one child".

2. Until the late 17th century, 'family' included not only relatives but also the servants of a household.

3. The word derives from the Latin 'famulus', meaning 'a servant'.

4. According to Greek tradition, parents should spit at a baby three times to ward off evil spirits, the evil eye, and bad luck.



5. A popular parenting tradition in Ireland is to sprinkle a crumbled piece of the parents' wedding cake on top of their newborn's head while the baby is being baptized. This is to symbolize the circle of life.

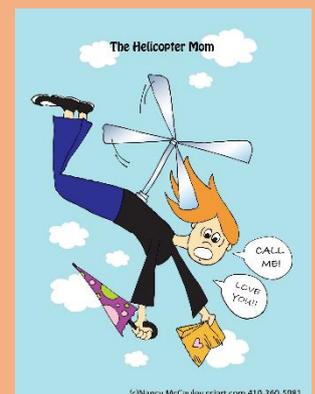
6. In contrast to "Tiger Moms," who tend to be aggressive, the "Panda Mom" parenting style is a hands-off style that tries to achieve the "perfect ratio of cuddliness and claw."

7. Before WWI, parents typically dressed girls in blue and boys in pink. They viewed pink as the more masculine color and blue as more feminine.

8. The terms "soccer mom" and "helicopter mom" gained traction in the 1990s, as moms signed up their kids for as many extracurricular activities as possible.

9. In Japan, children as young as four are allowed to ride public transportation, walk to school, and run errands by themselves.

10. In Denmark, children are regularly left outside in their strollers while their parents go shopping.



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