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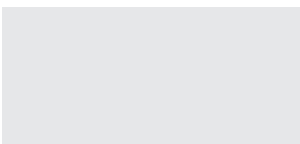
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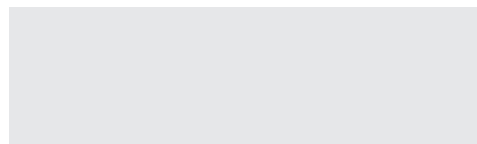
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## THE FALLS OF AN AGING NATION

The rate of severe falls has been increasing for Americans over the age of 65. Researchers say that there has also been a rise in diseases linked to falls: diabetes, heart disease, stroke, arthritis and Parkinson's disease. In some cases, the medication to treat the disease can increase the risk of falling.

As the population ages and people live longer in bad shape, the number of older Americans who fall and suffer serious, even fatal, injuries is growing rapidly. The dangers are real. In the decade from 2002-2012, more than 200,000 Americans over 65 died after falls. Falls are the leading cause of injury-related death in this age group.

Those who study and manage retirement **facilities** and nursing homes say that today there is much awareness about the problems associated with falls. Some are trying to prevent falls by contracting architects and interior designers, some of whom wear special glasses that show the building as an old person would see it. Some retirement homes have begun to install floor lighting that automatically turns on when a resident gets out of bed to illuminate the way to the bathroom. Others are installing energy-absorbing flooring in bathrooms, to reduce the impact of a fall. But many residents do not, or refuse to, recognize their own gradual deterioration, which leaves them vulnerable despite efforts to protect them.

Text adapted from an article by Katie HAFNER. *The New York Times* [online] (November 2, 2014)

**facilities:** (In this text) Places where people pay to live in which certain services like meals, cleaning, laundry and some medical attention are regularly provided to residents.

**Després de llegir el text, responeu a les qüestions seguint les instruccions que es donen en cada cas. Cada qüestió val un punt. En les qüestions d'opció múltiple, es descomptaran 0,33 punts per cada resposta incorrecta; per les qüestions no contestades no hi haurà cap descompte. En la resta de qüestions, es descomptaran 0,05 punts per cada falta d'ortografia, de morfologia, de lèxic o de sintaxi. Si una falta es repeteix, només es descomptarà una vegada.**

**Después de leer el texto, responda a las cuestiones siguiendo las instrucciones que se dan en cada caso. Todas las cuestiones valen un punto. En las cuestiones de opción múltiple, se descontarán 0,33 puntos por cada respuesta incorrecta; por las cuestiones no contestadas no habrá ningún descuento. En el resto de cuestiones, se descontarán 0,05 puntos por cada falta de ortografía, de morfología, de léxico o de sintaxis. Si una falta se repite, solo se descontará una vez.**

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Choose the correct answer (1-7).

1. In comparison with earlier periods, the number of injuries from falls
  - a) is increasing among older Americans.
  - b) is decreasing among older Americans.
  - c) has stabilized.
  - d) has not yet been determined.
2. The text states that many people aged 65 or older
  - a) are probably going to develop Parkinson's disease.
  - b) do not take medication for heart disease.
  - c) have died as a result of a fall.
  - d) have died in injuries that occurred in a car accident.
3. According to the author, more and more people in the U.S. have severe falls
  - a) because of poor administration.
  - b) because of old buildings.
  - c) because people are reaching an older age.
  - d) because of injuries suffered when they were young.
4. At present, managers of retirement homes
  - a) are rapidly losing their jobs because of severe falls.
  - b) know about the consequences of severe falls and are doing things to prevent them.
  - c) do not need to be concerned about severe falls.
  - d) have raised the amount of medication given to victims of severe falls.

5. Why do some architects use special glasses when designing retirement homes?
- a) Because they need to see spaces as an old person does.
  - b) Because the space for building is very limited.
  - c) Because a software company pays them to use the glasses.
  - d) Because lighting in retirement homes is poor.
6. According to the text, where have some retirement homes recently put new lights to try to prevent residents from falling?
- a) In bathrooms.
  - b) On beds.
  - c) On the ceiling.
  - d) On the floor.
7. Which of the following is the best synonym for the word *recognize* in the sentence “But many residents do not, or refuse to, *recognize* their own gradual deterioration”?
- a) Provide.
  - b) Provoke.
  - c) Realize.
  - d) Remember.

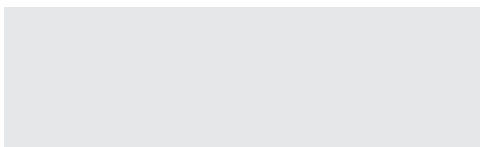
**Rewrite the sentence as indicated.**

8. Change the sentence “Some facilities have begun to install floor lighting to illuminate the way to the bathroom” from the present perfect to the future tense.

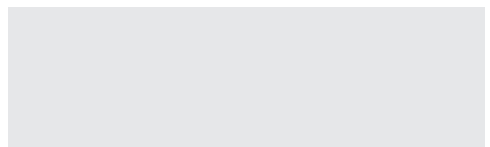
**Please answer the following questions in English. (Please do not copy text but rather answer in your own words; your answer should be between 40 and 60 words in length.)**

9. Why is the number of severe falls in older Americans rising?
10. Identify and discuss at least two of the actions being taken in some retirement facilities to prevent severe falls. Do you think these actions can be successful?

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