**Unit 8/ Ageing**

**Reading 2 Worksheet**

**Read the essay about the impact of young population on society and complete the information below.**

**Paragraph One:**

Saudi Arabia is an example of countries which have a high proportion of\_\_\_ young \_\_\_ people.

The major challenges Saudi Arabia is facing due to having a relatively young population are in the areas of: \_\_\_\_\_ education \_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ housing \_\_, and \_\_\_ the economy \_\_.

**Paragraph Two:**

The graph shows figures of men and women age ranges in the year\_\_\_ 2016 \_\_\_.

27% of the population is age\_\_\_ 14 and under \_\_\_.

19% of the population is between \_\_ 15\_\_ and\_\_\_ 24 \_\_.

One in five Saudis falls within the age range \_\_ mid-twenties to mid-thirties \_\_.

Complete the table below by writing the **median age** for each country.

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| **Country** | **Median age** |
| US | 38 |
| UK | 40 |
| Italy | 45 |
| Japan | 47 |
| Saudi Arabia | 27 |

**Paragraph Three:**

\_ 25\_% of the annual budget in Saudi Arabia is spent on education.

What did the Saudi government do to cope with the large number of college-aged students?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ it has been leading a university expansion program moving through the school system every year \_\_\_\_\_

**Paragraph Four:**

Unemployment rate for Saudis between 16 and 29 is \_ 29 \_ %.

**Paragraph Five:**

The housing problem in Saudi Arabia is very obvious in the city of \_\_\_ Jeddah \_\_\_.

**Paragraph Six:**

Although a young population could be challenging for countries, it still has a positive side. Explain.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it does not have to cope with the demand of an ageing population. Because the country has relatively fewer old people than the places mentioned earlier. The costs of healthcare and pensions are lower. This will allow more funds to be allocated to improve the lives of young people\_\_\_\_\_