2.4 Demographic Change: Birth Rates, Death Rates and the Ageing Population: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Describe one social consequence for families of an ageing population, using the beanpole family idea.

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

2 Outline two ways the changing economic role of women has been used to explain falling birth rates in developed societies.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

identifies a social consequence linked to beanpole families, e.g. more generations alive at once with fewer children in each generation	**B1**
development, e.g. family responsibilities shift, with adult children more likely to care for elderly parents	**B1**
further development, e.g. emotional and financial support may flow up the generations, increasing intergenerational dependency	**B1**
links consequence explicitly to ageing population context	**B1**

Answer: An ageing population leads to beanpole families with more living generations but fewer children per generation; adult children become more likely to care for elderly parents, increasing emotional and financial responsibilities and intergenerational dependency.

Question 2

first way identified, e.g. increased female labour-force participation leads to delayed childbearing	**B1**
development of first way, e.g. career and education priorities reduce fertility or mean couples have fewer children	**B1**
second way identified, e.g. greater education and empowerment reduces economic reliance on having many children	**B1**
development of second way, e.g. women choose smaller families because they have more control over fertility and life choices	**B1**

Answer: Examples: more women in education and paid work delay childbearing and may have fewer children because of career and family timing; greater female education and empowerment reduce economic reliance on large families and give women greater control to choose smaller families.

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