

## Part 1 – Social Issues

### DSE Past Paper Topics

- 2012SPQ9 Animal abuse (animal abuse & animal rights)
- 2012PPQ1 Walkathon (voluntary/charity)
- 2012Q9 Fighting Depression (friendship)
- 2013Q1 My memories (poverty)
- 2015Q5 Harbour Front (housing)
- 2016Q4 Monitoring Apps (family relationship)
- 2017Q1 Sunshine Elderly Home (the elderly)

### Past Paper Illustration

2017Q1: You are the chairperson of the Social Service Club in your school. The school would like to develop closer links with the community. Write a letter your principal, Ms Lee, proposing a new community project that the school can carry out with a home for **the elderly** in your district.

In your letter persuade your principal to accept your project by

- (i) Describing one activity that could be carried out, and
- (ii) Identifying the benefits for the elderly home.

At the end of the day, organising a fun fair aims to bring happiness to the seniors in Sunshine Elderly Home. From our previous visits, it was not hard to recognized that many elderly people **tormented by loneliness, depression and anxiety**. Some even **whine about** their meaningless and boring lives. Through holding a fun fair that can showcase their talents, there is no doubt that this can inject their lives with purpose once again. By providing them with a platform to unleash their untapped potential, we can **cater to the taste of the elderly** and **breathe life into the elderly home**. Not only does this brings radiant smiles to their faces, but it also **dignify the lives of the now miserable elderly**.

## SOCIAL ISSUES – POVERTY

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### (1) Poverty Problem

- the impoverished / the disadvantaged (貧窮人士)
- the underclass (低下階層)
- grassroots groups (草根階層)
- high Gini coefficient (堅尼系數)
- the working poor (在職貧窮)
- live on a meagre income (以微薄的薪水生活)
- unequal distribution of wealth (財富不均)
- inadequate nutrition (營養不足)
- living below the poverty line/breadline (生活在貧困線下)
- living on the margins of society (生活在社會邊緣)
- inter-generation poverty (跨代貧窮)
- construction workers / factory labourers (建築工人/工廠工人)
- survive on the edge of subsistence (在生存邊緣生存)
- Hong Kong is a city of great disparity (香港是一個懸殊的城市)
- the widening gulf between the rich and the poor (貧富之間的鴻溝不斷擴大)
- be unable to get back into the core of the labour market (無法回到勞動力市場的核心)
- the unskilled workers may not be able to get a job (非技型工人難以找到工作)
- have an extra burden of dealing with the dire predicament of their families (承擔處理家庭困境的額外負擔)
- increase burden on Government's social welfare system (增加政府的社會福利制度的負擔)
- the increase in income can barely keep up with the surging inflation (收入的增長幾乎跟不上不斷上漲的通貨膨脹)
- have to scrimp and save for a basic living (需要節衣縮食以保障基本生活)