

Question 16

a) Location of resources can often affect access to employment, ~~strives~~ especially for certain groups. It may be difficult for a person who lives in a rural area to access resources needed for employment.

eg. a rural person who lives a long distance away from town who is interested in a certain job may find it difficult to get there for a job interview or to pick up an application form.

It may also be difficult for a disabled person

to make it to the workplace for a job interview or to pick up an application form because of mobility problems eg if they require the use of a wheelchair or walking sticks.

It is very important for all groups to be able to have access to resources needed for employment, no matter where it is located, because everybody has the right to ~~desp~~ be employed a chance at employment.

### b) Aged.

Anyone who is over the age of 65 is classified as 'aged' or 'elderly'.

Health is a big concern among members of this group ~~as their body~~ because as humans age, their bodily functions tend to break down and they become prone to the risk of diseases such as cancer, Alzheimers and stroke. It is for this reason that regular health checks by a doctor are necessary to ensure everything is normal, and

so that any health problems can be picked up immediately. For those who already suffer from health problems and/or diseases, the necessary treatment and equipment is essential to keep them in good health.

Financial support is also ~~an issue~~ among the aged. ~~As they do not~~ Many of them ~~would be~~ are retired or would be thinking of it, therefore they would need to consider where they are going to get their income from, so they can survive.

Some elderly people ~~get~~ receive their income from superannuation, or from ~~#~~ interest, dividends or rent, however the majority of them rely on government funds, such as the pension to meet their financial needs.

Unfortunately, ~~many people in our~~ as people age, ~~our society often sees them as~~ they often tend to lose contact with their family and friends and may experience feelings

of loneliness or isolation. This may lead to them feeling worthless and unimportant. It is therefore important that the aged keep regular contact with their families/friends so that they ~~have~~<sup>feel</sup> a sense of identity. They need this to feel like a participant in life, rather than an observer.

) Equity issues of the homeless include being without a conventional home, and on the streets, doing what they can to earn money for their next meal, including selling drugs and/or prostitution. Another equity issue is the difficulty of gaining employment and therefore income to provide physical needs, and the lack of self esteem that homeless people ~~suffer~~ suffer from. The government is using management strategies to address these issues, such as providing welfare agencies eg The Salvation Army and the Smith Family and homeless

shelters where they can ~~take~~ get food and ~~saftey~~ sleep for a ~~few~~ <sup>physical</sup> short time. This helps to meet their needs of the homeless by feeding them and giving them a place to stay, and giving them clothes for warmth. ~~This helps to~~ ~~It also helps~~ These government agencies also ~~help~~ let the homeless know that ~~as~~ they are thought of and that there are people who can help them, which contributes to their social and emotional needs.

Centrelink is another government agency that helps the homeless ~~to~~ to gain employment, which can also help to meet needs and therefore contribute to well being.

~~Another group such as~~

Sole parents also suffer from equity issues, being that they find difficulty in financial situations, only having one income. They also <sup>may</sup> suffer from stress because of so many role expectations, and no partner to



help share them.

The government helps to manage these issues ~~situation~~ by providing several child care facilities, so that the parent can ensure that his/her child is safe whilst they are working and cared for, and by ~~also~~ providing them with an allowance to help pay for <sup>the</sup> necessities of living.

There is also a parentline that single parents (and parents in general) can call for advice or for someone to talk to when they feel stressed or lonely.

The government ~~play~~ clearly plays a large part in addressing and managing the ~~is~~ equity issues of the homeless and of ~~less~~ sole parents.