

Assessment Task: Study Area 2 - Research Essay

Topic	Assessment Questions
(Gay) Adoption Rights	1. The number of children who are without parental care is on the rise. How will allowing gay couples to adopt these children impact society? What are the solutions to the problems that can arise from gay adoption?
	2. What are the causes and possible effects of allowing gay couples to adopt children? What are the possible solution to counter the negative effects?
Abortion	1. The debate on abortion is a long standing one. What are the general problems encountered with regards to the issue of abortion? How can these issues be addressed?
	2. What are the impacts that abortion has on society? How can the negative impact be addressed?
Animal Testing	1. Animal testing has brought undeniable benefits to society, yet there are many who object to animal testing. What are the reasons for this? What are the solutions to this dilemma?
	2. Why are there objections to the use of animals to test the safety of products? What are the possible solutions to overcome these objections?
Beauty Pageants	1. There are growing concerns at the rise of the number of beauty pageants. Are these concerns justified? What are the possible solutions to address these concerns?
	2. What impacts do beauty pageants have on society? How can the negative impacts be addressed?
Capital Punishment	1. Capital Punishment is opposed by many. What are the reasons for this opposition? Consider the impact that it brings with its implementation. What are the alternatives and solutions to Capital Punishment?
	2. How will the abolishment of Capital Punishment affect society? How effective are the possible alternatives and solutions to Capital Punishment?
Car Industry	1. How has the car industry contributed to the rise in air pollution? What are the possible solutions to this situation?
	2. What are the drawbacks of manufacturing hybrid cars? How can these drawbacks be addressed?
Censorship	1. Censorship has been used by some countries. Choose one country that practises censorship and analyse the causes and effects that censorship bring. What are the best solutions to address these problems?
	2. What are the reasons for carrying out censorship of the media? How has censorship of the media affected society? What are the possible alternatives to censorship?
Climate Change	1. Climate change is having a detrimental effect on our world. What are the causes and effects of climate change? What kinds of laws or policies should the government pass that will address climate change?
	2. How will climate change affect the poorest people in the world? What can be done to support these communities in the future?
Cohabitation vs Marriage	1. Cohabitation is increasing as an alternative to marriage among the young. What are the possible problems that can arise from this choice of lifestyle and how can these problems be solved?
	2. The divorce rates are increasing these days. Why are marriages failing and what are the effects on society? How can this problem be solved?

Corporal Punishment	1. Today, corporal punishment has been rejected as a way to instil discipline in children. What are the causes and effects of this rejection? What are the possible alternatives to replace corporal punishment?
	2. Corporal Punishment is favoured by certain groups in society. What are the problems that could arise from carrying out corporal punishment on children? What are the implications? How can the problems be solved?
Corruption	1. Corruption can have many causes. What are some of the major causes and effects of corruption? How can we tackle corruption?
	2. Corruption is evident in many areas of society from sports to politics. Choose an area that is affected by corruption and analyse the causes and effects of this corruption. What are the best solutions we could use to address these problems?
Cosmetic Surgery	1. Many young adults are opting for cosmetic surgery with the hopes of a brighter future. What are the problems that could arise from undergoing cosmetic surgery and the effects on these young people? How can the problems be tackled?
	2. What are some of the reasons young people are opting for cosmetic surgery? What are the implications? How can we best solve the complications that may arise?
Creativity in the Classroom	1. Creativity in the classroom is sometimes ignored by teachers. What are the reasons why creativity is often neglected in the classroom, and what can be done to promote the importance of it in education?
	2. Creativity in education can cause problems for teachers and students. What are the causes and effects of these problems? How can we tackle these problems?
Cybercrimes	1. Cyberbullying is become more rampant these days. What are the causes and effects of cyberbullying, especially on the young? What can be done to solve this issue?
	2. More and more people are becoming victims of cybercrimes. What are the reasons and causes for the rise of these crimes? How have these crimes affected society? What solutions can be implemented to solve this problem?
Deforestation	1. What are the reasons for the widespread deforestation that is taking place in several countries? Choose one country to examine the causes and effects. How can this issue be resolved?
	2. How has deforestation become problematic in some societies? What are the effects of deforestation on these societies? Provide some solutions to managing the rate of deforestation in these societies.
Diet fads and weight management	1. What are the problems surrounding weight loss management programmes these days? How have these programmes affected the individuals involved? What can be done to solve the problems that arise?
	2. There are some diet fads and programmes that are harmful to one's body. What are the causes and effects of pursuing these diet fads? What are the possible solutions to tackling the complications surrounding these diet fads?
Eating Disorders	1. What are the causes of eating disorders and what are the effects on the individual? What are the best solutions to address these disorders?
	2. More youth are being diagnosed with eating disorders these days. Why are they experiencing this and what is the impact on their well-being? How can this problem be tackled?
Ecotourism	1. Although ecotourism is supposed to be eco-friendly, it has also brought harm to the environment. What are the problems that ecotourism poses to the environment and its effect? Are there ways to solve this issue?
	2. In some countries, the locals have claimed that ecotourism is a problem. Why is ecotourism a problem? How has it affected the locals? What steps can be taken to solve these problems?

Fast Food	1. Many people are now very conscious of what they eat, particularly fast food. What has caused people to be more conscious about their consumption of fast food and how has this affected the fast food industry? What can the fast food industry do to be more relevant to this generation of consumers?
	2. What are the controversies surrounding the fast food industry pertaining to its impact on society? What are the solutions that can address these controversies?
Female Circumcision	1. What are the reasons for the practice of female circumcision and what are the problems faced in this practice? How can these problems be resolved?
	2. What are the specific problems caused by female circumcision? What are the solutions to these problems?
Film Industry	1. What are reasons for and the effects of the declining sales of the film industry? What are the possible solutions that the film industry can take?
	2. How has the rise of peer-to-peer sharing and piracy become detrimental to the film industry? What can be done to addressed the detrimental effects?
Gap Year	1. There are some parents who discourage their children from taking a gap year. What are the problems related to taking a gap year that parents are concerned about? How can these problems be solved?
	2. What are some of the difficulties that students will encounter if they take a gap year? What can be done to overcome these difficulties?
Gender Discrimination and Inequality	1. Gender discrimination and inequality are serious worldwide issues. What are the causes of gender discrimination and inequality? What are the effects? How can we promote a more equal society?
	2. Gender discrimination and inequality can be found in different industries. Choose an industry where gender discrimination and inequality occur and describe the causes and effects for this. How can we tackle this problem to make this industry more equitable?
Genetic Engineering	1. There are some parties that are against genetic engineering. What are the moral issues and problems pertaining to genetic engineering? How can these issues be resolved?
	2. What are the problems surrounding genetically modified food/organisms? What measures can be taken to overcome these problems?
Globalisation	1. Globalisation is turning the world into a global village at the expense of cultural diversity. What are the causes? How can nations preserve their cultural integrity?
	2. What are some of the issues that underdeveloped nations are facing due to globalisation? How have the nations been impacted by these issues? Provide some solutions to the issues faced.
Healthcare	1. The need for affordable healthcare has always been an issue in more countries. What are some of the problems faced by governments in providing affordable healthcare? How can these problems be solved?
	2. What are the causes and effects of the rising cost of healthcare in countries? What can governments and private healthcare providers do to resolve this issue?
Higher Education	1. Some have claimed that higher education should be provided for free. What are the problems in implementing free tertiary education? What can be done to solve these problems?
	2. What are the challenges that the underprivileged students face in pursuing higher education? What can be done to overcome these challenges?

Homelessness	1. Homelessness is a growing problem in today's society. What are the causes and effects of this problem? How can we best solve this issue?
	2. What are the specific problems that are caused by homelessness? What can be done to tackle these problems?
Homework	1. Many believe that homework is counterproductive. What are the causes and effects of homework being counterproductive? How can this issue be addressed?
	2. Some parents have called for the banning of homework for children below the age of twelve. What are their reasons for their request? How has homework affected children? What are the solutions to this matter?
Human Rights	1. What are the challenges faced by non-governmental organisations in championing human rights? How can these challenges be overcome?
	2. What are the problems of upholding human rights globally? How can the problems that arise be solved?
Hunting	1. Hunting is a very controversial sport today. What are the factors that make it controversial? How can the problems be addressed?
	2. What are the main objections against hunting? What can be done to resolve these objections?
Immigration and Migration	1. What are the problems caused by the influx of asylum seekers to receiving countries? How can these problems be tackled?
	2. In the last 10 years, governments have developed stricter immigration and migration policies. What are the causes for these stricter policies and the effects of these policies? What measures can be taken to make immigration and migration a lot easier than before?
Intellectual Property	1. Piracy is happening quite rampantly in countries that have very lenient laws on copyright infringement. What are the controversies surrounding piracy and its effects on specific industries? Provide some solutions to solving problems related to piracy.
	2. The intellectual properties of individuals are infringed daily. What policies do you believe governments should adopt to address the causes and effects of this problem?
International Education	1. International students face a variety of problems when they study abroad. What are the causes and effects of these problems, and how can we tackle them?
	2. International education has different problems in different locations. Choose a location and discuss the problems that international students face. What solutions would you offer to these problems?
Juvenile Delinquency	1. Recent data has shown there is an increase in the rate of juvenile delinquency. What are the causes and effects of juvenile delinquency? How can the problems that arise be resolved?
	2. What are the specific problems caused by juvenile delinquency? What can be done to tackle these problems?
LGBTQ Community	1. What are the problems faced by the LGBTQ community? How can these problems be resolved?
	2. In most countries, the rights of the LGBTQ community are not recognised. What are the reasons for not acknowledging their rights and what are the possible effects of this issue? What steps can be taken to overcome this issue?
Music Industry	1. What are the concerns that parents have with the trends of today's music? How can these concerns be addressed?
	2. Music label companies are growing more concerned about the increase of music piracy. What problems have the music industry encountered in relation to piracy? What measures can be taken to solve these problems?

Nuclear Energy	1. There are several countries that have resorted to using nuclear energy as an alternative source of energy. Choose one country and examine the problems faced by that country due to the use of nuclear energy. How can these problems be addressed?
	2. Many today fear the use of nuclear energy. What are the fears that society have about nuclear energy? How can these fears be overcome?
Organ Sales/Donation	1. What are the issues caused by organ donations or sales? How can these issues be addressed?
	2. There is a growing number of people in need of replacement organs. What are the problems encountered in addressing this need? How can these problems be resolved?
Overpopulation	1. One of the problems faced by the world today is overpopulation. What policies do you believe governments should adopt to address the causes and effects of this problem?
	2. What are the causes and impacts of overpopulation? What can we do to solve this problem?
Pollution	1. The air quality is deteriorating fast due to pollution. What are the main causes of air pollution? How can this problem be addressed?
	2. What problems are governments facing when it comes to dealing with water pollution? What measures can be taken to stop and/or reduce water pollution?
Prostitution	1. Some governments are interested in decriminalising prostitution. What are the implications of decriminalising prostitution? How can the problem that arise be resolved?
	2. What are issues that come with criminalising prostitution? What measures can be taken to overcome these issues?
Sexual Harassment	1. Nowadays, not only women but also men are being sexually harassed. What are the causes and effects of sexual harassment? How can the causes be addressed?
	2. Recently more sexual harassment occurrences are being highlighted in the media. What are the reasons given for increase of sexual harassment cases these days? What laws or policies should those in authority adopt in order to address the situation?
Sweatshop	1. There have been claims that sweatshop workers in developing/under-developed countries are being exploited. What are the problems that sweatshop workers face? How can these problems be addressed?
	2. In the last few years, there have been many tragedies related to sweatshops. What are the causes of these sweatshop related tragedies? What can be done to ensure that these tragedies do not happen again?
Teenage Pregnancy	1. Teenage pregnancy is on the rise in many countries. What are the causes and effects of this rise in numbers? How can the problems that arise be tackled?
	2. What are the problems faced by teenagers who are pregnant? What can be done to help these teenagers?
Urbanisation	1. What are the main issues that arise due to rapid urbanisation? How can these issues be addressed?
	2. Urbanisation if not controlled and planned well can be a bane to societies. What are the problems that can come with ill-planned urbanisation? What are its effects? Provide some solutions to overcome the problems.

Whaling/Shark Culling	1. What are controversies related to commercial whaling? How can the problems that arise be solved?
	2. What are the causes and effects of shark culling activities? What are the steps taken to reduce or stop the detrimental effects?
Working Mothers	1. What issues do families with working mothers encounter? How can these issues be addressed?
	2. What are the problems faced by working mothers? How can these problems be resolved?
Youth Unemployment	1. Youth unemployment is currently a major issue in Australia. What are the causes and effects of this problem? What solutions can be offered to improve the situation?
	2. Many young people find it very difficult to find employment in today's society. What are the reasons for this? What policies do you believe governments should adopt to help solve this problem?