Task 1

Reading

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Read the text and answer the following questions:



- 1. What approach is South Korea taking to address the issue of reclusive youths?
- **2.** What is the amount of monthly handout available for reclusive youths in South Korea?
- 3. In addition to financial assistance, what other forms of support are provided to reclusive youths?
- **4.** What are the contributing factors to the reclusive behavior observed among South Korean youth?
- 5. How prevalent is social isolation among South Koreans in the age group of 19-39?
- **6.** What are some of the potential consequences of reclusive behavior among youths?
- **7.** What demographic challenges does South Korea face?
- **8.** How does the South Korean government define reclusive youths?
- **9.** What are the factors that contribute to social isolation in South Korea?
- 10. How has the rise of individualism impacted South Korean society?

Task 2

Vocabulary - Collocations and verb phrases

First, match the words to form collocations and verb phrases that will help you describe the issue presented in the article. Next, write down a sentence using each collocation and verb phrase. The sentences you create should relate to the topic being discussed in the text.

Collocations:

living reclusive welfare social domestic disadvantaged cultural low

violence self-esteem allowance households system youths isolation syndrome

Verb phrases:

encourage
receive
live in
force someone back
maintain
experience
opt out of
feel

into the classroom
the rat race
reintegration with society
pessimistic about the future
relative isolation
a monthly handout
a stable population
loneliness

Task 3

Speaking

Task description: Students will participate in a debate about South Korea's approach to addressing the issue of reclusive youths.

Task elements:

- Recall the characteristics of reclusive youths and the factors contributing to their social isolation.
- Explain the government's initiatives and the potential benefits they may have for reclusive youths.
- Discuss the physical, mental, and social challenges faced by reclusive youths.
- 4. Explain the potential long-term impact on society.
- Propose some alternative strategies or policies that could be implemented to address the social isolation of young adults.

Task 4

Writing - Text Summary

Complete the following summary using information from the text.

South Korea is addressing the issue of 1).

for reclusive youths. The government aims to reintegrate these individuals into society by

3) ______ for personal and professional development. Social isolation among young adults has been linked to factors such as 4) ______ South Korea's aging population and declining birth rate further emphasize the need to address this issue.

While the cash transfers are a temporary solution, the government should focus on integrating and supporting 5) ______ of young people.

Check the answer key!

