

Question 16.

Groups in context.

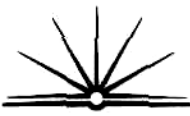
a) Two factors that affect access to resources for the socioeconomically disadvantaged may be; financial hardships so they cannot access all services they need. They will have to limit what they spend their money on as ~~they~~ they are not financially well-off and can't afford to go and buy all their wants just their basic needs. Another factor may be; due to lack of money and resources they may not be educated or have the right qualifications and skills needed which may result in hardships ~~etc~~ in employment. This will also relate back to financial difficulties as they will not get employed as easily ~~as~~ as someone who has skills and qualifications needed.

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b) Two groups which their security and safety needs are met through housing are; Aged and religious groups.

The aged have facilities they need at home such as hand rails, emergency buttons, lifts up the stair cases etc. and some of these resources / facilities they cannot access in society and these are for their security and safety. The aged are a group that cannot defend themselves and can be a target of violence, when they are in their home this is less likely to happen as they can lock doors and windows and have alarms. The elderly may also have someone living with them. These are factors of how housing meets their safety and security needs.

Religious groups, like The Aged also have



their safety and security needs met through housing. In some communities you may have the whole population being the same nationality and/or religion, but where there is only a small number or even one family a different religion especially a very strong with belief with religion it may cause safety problems. People can be very racist and discriminative against people's beliefs in religion and the way they practice it that sometimes it may be needed to be done indoors of your own house. For example; muslim is a very strong religion and Muslims have to pray up to five times a day. If a very strong follower, some muslims have a mosque-like shrine in their house where they must pray. This can be done in the privacy of their own home and their ~~safety~~ fear for the safety gone.



C) Government Policy and community structures have influenced societal attitudes towards groups in the community.

Two of these groups are; sole parents and disabled groups.

If people see or hear about a single mother, not alot of good things are said about her without considering her story of why she may be a sole parent. It is hard to raise a child on your own and even harder when you have lack of confidence due to harassment.

The government / Centrelink have financial support for sole parents to help them and can also offer support from government agencies.

Then it's organizations like these that make those in society who discriminate against others stop and think, 'maybe it is hard and they do need help!' and decide they aren't all those horrible things they called them in the beginning.



Another group in the community is disabled. The disabled whether they may be physically, or mentally disabled will receive financial benefits from the government and if in the case of a car accident resulting in loss of limbs you may receive compensation money. There is government organizations to help support the disabled with education, support if needed to walk or everyday living skills, counselling etc. and even resources like disabled parking closer to the shops and ramps instead of stair ways. People can be very discriminative against people with disabilities and they would most probably have low self-esteem as it is without the help of the individuals in the community. But with the services like disabled parking and ramps and hand-rails societal attitudes are changing for the better to help the disabled and help their lives be more positive.