

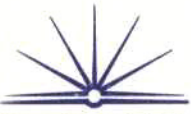


Question 16.

(a) If your employment is situated in a city and you live in a country area then a factor affecting your employment is travel. Therefore you have to find appropriate transport to get you to and from work. Cost is another resource. Can you afford to pay for transport every week? If you live a far distance from your work you could see whether it's possible to work from home. If so, then you need to see whether you have the proper resources, like computer, fax machine and internet to connect you straight to work.

(b) The Aged:

Health is an important aspect with the aged. It is essential that they try to stay with a healthy diet to make sure they are receiving all the proper nutrients. If they are unable to cook their meals, due to medical condition or lack of mobility, then meals-on-wheels are quality ^{service} and will deliver to the door. Important that they are



apart of a good health cover, otherwise they will be forced to pay an enormous amount of money. If they are not in a good health cover/insurance then they may be expected to wait a longer time for operations or medical treatment. Often aged people do need to take a fair amount of medicine and pills, due to their bodies breaking down or lack of energy. Therefore many chemists have discounts available to ^{the} aged.

Financial support is a significant problem faced by many aged people. There are assistance from the government which help with rent, water and electrical rebates. There are pensioners benefits that reduce the money. Some still live off superannuation or have money invested in shares or real estate. It is important to begin to set your-self up at an early age, so that you don't have a major problem when older.

Sense of identity is usually a crisis for many aged people. They feel as though they have reached an age where they can no longer do the same active sports as a younger person. At an age where all their friends could be dying and

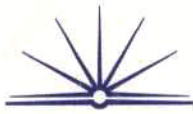
feeling isolated. They become depressed as unable to do the simple things like go to the shops, maybe drive the car to a friends/family place. They can feel that they have become too dependent on family and lost the independence. Feel as though they are a burden to family and society. Feel like they have lost their youth and there is nothing to look further too. This is how a majority of aged people feel. They feel they can no longer fulfill any unfinished dreams due to lack of mobility.

(C) Sole Parents and the ~~agings~~

sole parents are increasing within Australia. Unfortunately they are a group that is living in poverty due to the lack of support and income of a partner.

Sole parent families may occur through:

- divorce;
- death of a parent;
- a parent who has a disease and unable to help provide;
- desertion of a parent;
- cause of rape; ~~and~~
- one parent in jail, either long term or temporary.



Thus then causes the added stress on sole parent to survive and provide. There has been the past social criticism on sole parents where it's been believed that they have children for government benefits. But most cases are not. The government have tried to help out sole parent families with social groups, one called 'The sole parent group' which aims to give support, counselling and a place to encourage other sole parents. There is many community groups that offer their services like:

- The Smith family
- Saint Vincent de Paul
- The red cross
- The salvation army

There are programs like the JET association that aim to help parents to re-enter the work force. CenterLink can help with job assistance and child care benefits are available. There fore, the government is definitely trying to help these sole parent families to get up on their feet.



The Gay and Lesbian are a group that have faced many issues. They are often felt non-accepted in society, discriminated and often unable to receive a job just because of their sexuality. The government have been trying to address these issues. There are now laws which prohibit them from ~~be~~ being discriminated in not receiving a job. They can no longer be disadvantaged, only if they don't meet the proper training requirements asked. They can sue a person if they are harassed in a work place for continual sexual or indecent behavior by workmates. There is now a greater awareness of them in our community and are gaining the rights to act on television/shows and also act in sexual manner - not that I agree, but more common in movies. ~~There~~ There are special rights for gay and lesbian bars where they can socialise. So the government has been trying to put a stop to harassment and discrimination and allowing more freedom.