



Q 16. - Groups in context

a) two factors which affect access to resources for the socioeconomically disadvantaged are:-

- ~~Income~~ Education - A good education provides good knowledge of the services available to people who need help. If someone who is socio-economically disadvantaged doesn't have a good education then it is likely that they may not know where and how they can access their resources.

- Income - An ~~low~~ income provides many important things such as food, water, shelter, and other ~~required~~ needs such as television. ~~Ma~~ Many socio-economically disadvantaged people have a low income and therefore find it hard to access these important resources.

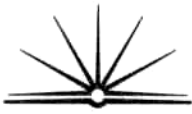
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b) The aged and Gays and Lesbians are two groups in our community who most benefit from the security and safety of housing.

For the Aged, many feel insecure outside as they are frail and may be disrespected by some members of the community, e.g. Youth. Having a home provides them with the assurance that they ~~are~~ have a safe haven to retreat to each night, and can help shield them from the outside world. As the world has evolved violence and crime seem to be much more prominent today and this may be a cause for concern for the elderly. This is why a home can provide adequate security and safety to keep them from troubling the troubles of ~~the outside world~~ <sup>world of today</sup>.

Gays and Lesbians also find their security and safety needs met by a home. This particular group ~~they~~ <sup>are</sup> be the focus of 'gay bashings' and much homophobic discrimination that seems so common in society today. A house provides somewhat of a shield from



the outside world in the form of people of this nature. Although ~~never~~ you could never fully escape the worries of not being accepted, a house ~~is~~ provides physical shelter from most of this kind of torture.

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e) two groups who experience a lot of criticism in society include Gays and lesbians and The Youth.

- Gays and lesbians have been the subject of discrimination for centuries but only over the last 20 years or so, has someone actually decided to do something about it.

'Gays' have been the subject of 'gay bashing' for years. People who are homophobic decide not to accept these people into the 'normal' community and express this by laying into a gay person. Although they ~~g~~ can seek refuge in their home, it is very hard to escape the harsh world of inacceptance. and gays and lesbians call on help from other organisations to keep them safe.

In most communities there are available support groups for homosexuals, this provides someone to talk to and lend a hand. Not only <sup>are</sup> ~~then~~ these services for the victims themselves but also parents and friends may find it helpful



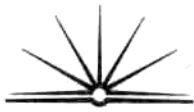
to talk to someone who is experiencing the same problems.

The Anti discrimination Act, provides cover against discrimination in many areas of life. For example many gays and lesbians were unable to rent housing because of homophobic owners. This law states that no-one can be discriminated against in ~~any~~ any circumstance, which allowed for ~~more~~ more available housing and free from discriminative owners. ~~the~~

This law also provided cover for gays and lesbians in the workplace which allowed them to get jobs without discrimination from colleagues.

This law and these support groups have enabled ~~the~~ easier <sup>access</sup> ~~provision~~ for gays and lesbians to jobs, housing and emotional support. This has made society more accepting of this particular group who experience such significant need.

Another group who continually find it hard to



seek acceptance from community is the youth. Many societal attitudes proclaim that youth are 'troublemakers,' always seeking mischief. Another stereotype would express that youth should be 'seen and not heard' or are all 'drugs' and 'Maniacs.'

It may never happen that youth will be free from this stereotyping but things which have made it easier on the youth and have influenced the societal attitudes toward them ~~include~~ are becoming more prominent.

Most youth get up to 'mischief' because they are bored. Boredom is the major focus of teens and young adults. Especially in a country town where there are not so many things to do. For example the development of an arcade or a skate park in a country town would help keep kids off the street. Thus improving their public image. This may keep them from getting up to 'mischief' and being a 'nuisance'



when there is something to keep them from boredom.

The equal employment opportunity Act, states that no one must be discriminated against, and must have equal rights to employment as any other. The decision of who to employ must solely be based on merit rather than age.

Many youths are robbed of their chance at employment because they are seen as untrustworthy members of the community. This law provides them equal rights to employment as a mature adult.

By securing employment young adults are able to secure a good self image, especially their public image as they are seen as more responsible and caring members of a once stereotypical community.

Government policies and community structures are influential in basing societal attitudes



towards certain groups in the community and  
the youth and gays and lesbians are just  
two of them.