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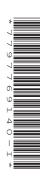
Paper 1 Written Examination

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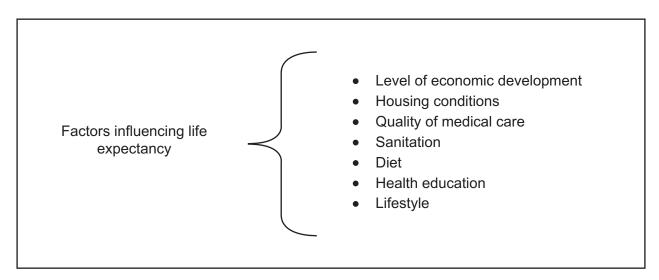


Source 1

Life expectancy refers to the average number of years a person in a population can expect to live. It varies greatly between different countries. For example, in 2019 life expectancy was 84 years in Japan and 53 years in the Central African Republic.

Life expectancy is influenced by living standards and healthcare and is an important way of measuring the health of a country.

Source 2



Source 3

This is Doctor Merin speaking, the doctor in charge of your new health centre. It was only built last year and already we are very busy. We need to spend more money on healthcare locally. Although people in this area are healthier than they were a year ago, life expectancy is still much lower than in other places.

Did you see the television programme 'Health Matters' that I was on last week? It showed that we need to vaccinate children and the elderly to prevent diseases in vulnerable people. Spending more money on healthcare will also mean we can improve health education and provide care to people at home.

Our local newspaper 'Daily Life' reported that the number of people in our area will increase by 25 per cent over the next five years. We will need to train more doctors and nurses and this is expensive.

Some people argue we should spend money on improving housing in the area but I think that this will take too long to make a difference. Better healthcare is more important as it can make a difference quickly.

Extract from a radio broadcast about health in the local area

Source 4: A television debate about healthcare

Zama

I am a mother and a community health worker so I know how important it is for people to stay healthy. I teach other mothers in six local communities about how to care for the health of their families and I believe it is important for people to take responsibility for their own health.

For example, families need to provide a healthy diet for their children. This is the best way to protect their health for the future.

If people work hard and get a good job they will be able to afford to pay for good healthcare and healthy food. This shows it is the individual's responsibility to care for themselves.

What is the point of training 100 more doctors if we can all look after our own families? Training doctors is expensive and increases our taxes. This means less money for families to spend on other things.

Some people say that it is the government's responsibility to keep people healthy. This is wrong. It is everyone's responsibility to look after themselves and their family.

Sinta

I disagree with you! I think it is the government's responsibility to look after the health of their people.

I am a part of the local government in this area. We support many more families than you and cover a much larger area. We provide hospitals, sanitation and health education. Last year we helped to improve access to clean water by 15 per cent which prevented diseases and increased school attendance in the area by 20 per cent.

You are forgetting the importance of doctors, hospitals and medicines. Yes, training doctors is expensive; this is because they have the skills to save people's lives. If people are seriously ill or injured, they need medical treatment. This cannot be provided by their family. If there is a natural disaster, only the government can respond on the scale required.

A healthy and fair society needs good healthcare for everyone, not just those who can afford to pay for it themselves. This is why healthcare has to be provided by the government and paid for through taxes.

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