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Social Studies

Social Issues & Social Problems Quiz

Carefully read the following scenarios and choose the most appropriate response.

(2 points each)

1. Luis is a 12-year-old who lives in a refrigerator box he fixed up to be his home. During the day, Luis along with 2 other kids line up by the market and try to wash cars or beg for food. In the evenings, they move to a store's parking lot to beg for food.

Luis is currently facing what social problem:

- a. Poverty
- b. Juvenile Delinquency
- c. Street Children
- d. Desertion

2. Ana's mother died when she was only 7 years old. Her father tried to raise her and her 4 siblings but he could not cope with the responsibility. When Ana was 9 years old, she woke up one morning to find the house empty and not a morsel to eat. Ana and her siblings waited all day for their dad to come home, but the day turned into night. The night turned into many nights. After 1 week, Ana had to come to the resolution that her dad was not coming back home.

Ana and her siblings are currently facing:

- e. Poverty
- f. Juvenile Delinquency
- g. Street Children
- h. Desertion

3. Jamal and Kenny are two young boy that have been friends since birth. Both got accepted at a high school in the city. They moved from their small village home and started their first year of high school together in the city. Jamal was quick to make friends, but Kenny had a struggle with getting along with his classmates. Kenny however, found it easier to hang out with the young men and adults who would hang out in an old, abandoned house on the street they currently were staying. The young men of the neighborhood asked Kenny to join them one afternoon and so started a turn for the worst. Kenny began stealing school supplies from his classmates to sell to the kids in his neighborhood. In addition, Kenny began to sell marijuana and other drugs in school on behalf of his neighborhood "gang". One evening the "gang" asked him to spray obscene words and signs on the wall of the library that was on their street. Kenny is involved in what social problem?

- i. Poverty
- j. Juvenile Delinquency
- k. Street Children
- l. Desertion

Read the following question and answer to the best of your ability. Answers should be in complete sentences. (5 points)

1. In a well-developed 5 sentence paragraph, explain what the difference between a social issue and a social problem is. You may use an example to illustrate your answer.