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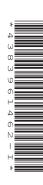
Paper 1 Written Examination

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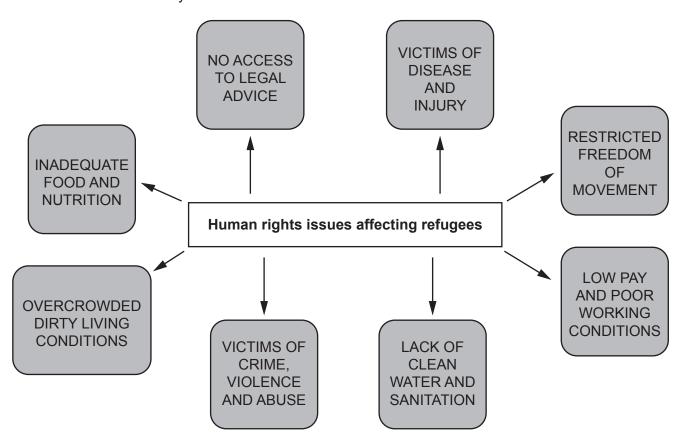


Source 1

About 258 million people are migrants – people who live outside their country of origin or birth. This is around three per cent of the world's population. Some people choose to migrate to find work and a better way of life; for example to escape poverty or get better access to healthcare, education and housing. Refugees are migrants who are forced to leave their country of origin due to natural disaster, persecution or conflict. This conflict is often between different political or cultural groups in their country of origin.

Source 2

The United Nations says that refugees should be treated with respect, but many suffer from prejudice and discrimination. This means their human rights are often not protected when they are forced to move to a different country.



Source 3: What is it like to be a refugee?

Refugees are treated badly. I did not go to school today. There is no education inside this refugee camp. My father tries to teach us but there are no books and nothing to write on. There is no space to study in our tent and the heat is unbearable. It is hard to learn here.

We were forced to leave our home country because of conflict. We have been here for over a year. Nobody seems to care. Our application to live in this country is still with the government. How long will it take? Nobody can tell us.

It is not our fault. People think that refugees are a problem. A United Nations worker is trying to get us out of this camp and find us money but not everyone likes foreigners. The United Nations says our human rights are important but we are still here in this camp.

Extract from an interview with a refugee in 2019

Source 4

Jose

Our country is overcrowded. The financial crisis and competition from globalisation have harmed the economy and left us struggling to pay for public services. We cannot afford to take more people from other countries.

Some countries are putting up walls to keep refugees out. They want to protect their own citizens from illegal entry and the risk of international crime; from drug smuggling, people trafficking, robbery and violence.

Too many people from abroad will destroy our culture. In some towns there are so many foreigners that you can't hear our own language! We should be proud of our past – it needs to be protected. I agree with the politicians that say refugees are a problem. We should help ourselves first!

Paola

We have a responsibility to protect human rights. Most refugees are trying to escape from situations that are not their fault. They do not control the weather or political conflicts. They are helpless victims that deserve our care. We are all human.

What if your family was at risk? Wouldn't you leave for safety? Would you try to rescue your children from starvation? Of course you would! You will expect others to help if you are in trouble in the future. It is only right that we help people at risk now. I have been a refugee – I know.

I understand that some migrants do not have to leave their home country. They want to move because the internet shows everyone that people in rich countries have better lifestyles. We should invest in employment and tackle climate change in developing countries. Then there would be less reason to move. The United Nations and Human Rights Watch believe these actions will help solve the problems faced by migrants.

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