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92049 Demonstrate understanding of perspectives on a contemporary social issue

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Demonstrate understanding of perspectives on a contemporary social issue.	Explain perspectives on a contemporary social issue.	Examine perspectives on a contemporary social issue.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Use a contemporary social issue you have studied to answer the question below. Include **relevant evidence** to support your answers.

TASK

(a) Identify and describe a contemporary social issue.

Contemporary social issue:

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The Israel-Palestine conflict has been going on for centuries. In recent years the conflict between the two has escalated sharply. On the 7th of October 2023 Hamas launched a surprise attack on Israel firing rockets and sending fighters across the border, killing 900 civilians including 260 at a music festival. Israel responded with airstrikes and a full siege on Gaza, leaving 1.5 million Palestinians displaced. By September 2025 the death toll had reached about 60,000, with famine threatening millions. The United Nations (UN) has called this the worst humanitarian crisis in recent history. This issue is important because it affects civilians on both sides and threatens global stability.

(b) Describe TWO perspectives on the issue and the different responses, in relation to EACH perspective.

Perspective (1):

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A perspective is the human rights ideology. People with this belief, believe that all people should have access to basic needs, and human rights like, food, water, and freedom. These people value dignity, equality, and freedom, as well as the safety of civilians. They view the conflict as a crisis that threatens human rights and the safety of civilians on both sides.

Response (1):

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In January 2024 Amnesty International and 250 humanitarian groups, argued to stop all arms trades to both Israel and Palestine. They also wrote a letter which warned that if all countries continued to provide weapons to the conflict, the more civilians would get killed. Amnesty's secretary general said "All countries should stop supplying weapons to both armed groups". This relates to human rights because this shows how they are trying to protect the lives of civilians, and also trying to hold governments accountable.

Perspective (2):

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Another perspective would be Zionism. People with this belief is that Jewish people have the right to defend their home because of historical and religious beliefs. These people value national identity, sovereignty, and protection in a Jewish state. These people view this conflict as a struggle in protecting their homeland and a threat to their identity.

Response (2):

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People in israel said that they needed more military to defend Israel. In may 2024 a PEW research survey was conducted and in result over 70% percent of Israeli people voted that they said the military response was not "far enough". this relates to Zionism because this shows how people in Israel see this as struggle in protecting their homeland against Gaza.

(c) How has EACH perspective influenced people's viewpoints and responses, in relation to the issue?

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In January 2024 Amnesty and 250 Humanitarian group, a representitave of amnesty stated that arm sellers were "responsible for atrocities" and that all arms sellers like US, and the UK should stop supplying weapons. They also pushed activists to places like Netherlands and Japan to protest against the selling of weapons. Human rights shaped these viewpoints because they see it as a human rights crisis and a threat to human rights.

In late 2024 defence minister Yoav Gallant promised that Israel "would not stop until victory". 300,00 reservists were called back to duty because of this. Yoav saw this a massive threat to their existence. in London Jewish diaspora held up vigils stating that Israel have a "to defend itself". People with the Zlonist belief see this as justified defence while critics see it as "too far". Zlonism has shaped this as a struggle for the Jewish identity.

(d) What are the short-term or long-term impacts on individuals or groups, and the wider implications for society, of the responses you have described?

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Achievement

Subject: Social Studies

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Grade score	Marker commentary
A4	<p>The candidate identified and described a contemporary social issue, two differing perspectives, and how people's viewpoints are influenced by these perspectives. They described two differing responses to the social issue, in relation to each perspective, and included relevant evidence in their description.</p> <p>The candidate needed to explain short-term and/or long-term impacts, and the implications of those impacts on society, to gain a higher grade.</p>