

Year 11 Legal Studies student work sample – Grade D

Question: How significant are the legal and non-legal responses to mitigating disadvantage of a specific group in Australia?

Discrimination; when a decision is made or an action is taken based on a stereotypical view of a person.

Legal responses: the legislation which is a rule, which applies to everyone. The legislation covers any group being discriminated against. If a formal complaint has been made, under this legislation, the employer, club or education institution must show they are obeying the rule and legislation requirements.

The Age Discrimination Act - Government NSW
The act ensures that it is against the law to treat you unfairly because of your age.

The act protects you against discrimination in many areas of public life. Some of these include: employment - helping terms and conditions of a job or training. Education - enrolling or studying in a public or private school.

Accommodation - renting or buying a house
Professional services, eg lawyers, doctors and trades people.

Non-legal responses to discrimination against youth include: Young Social Pioneers and Crossroads Youth Health Service. Young Social Pioneers is all about making a difference by standing up against discrimination. In order to fight discrimination, they believe that binding together to create a strong dedicated team they will have the power to change the minds and views of society.

An introduction is required; however, the general overview provided is descriptive and does not clearly specify the subject of youth disadvantage

The Age Discrimination Act is a relevant example of a legal response to the issues of disadvantage. Specific ways the legislation can mitigate youth disadvantage are listed

The first non-legal response is a valid example with the philosophy and purpose of the organisation described

against the youth. It is a unique leadership program which will unleash and celebrate the brilliance of youth. Providing mentoring, skills development and leadership inquiry, this program equips youth with the skills they need to deliver ~~and~~ excellence and innovation and make a difference in society.

Crossroads Youth Health Service, ~~is~~ its prime function is to provide counselling for young people, providing medical help and responsible one on one adult communication. Although discrimination doesn't directly affect your health it can still have a large impact mentally. Crossroads provide support such as counselling for youth who feel as though they have been discriminated against. ~~is~~ Crossroads is a non-legal response as it is a connected network that works with youth to encourage speaking out about discrimination.

A second non-legal response used as a valid example with services described in general terms

Grade Commentary

A basic explanation that offers one legal and two non-legal examples that respond to the issues of youth disadvantage. The selection of three examples demonstrates a basic research and selection process. With the examples presented discussion was descriptive and at times too general, with greater detail needed. Drawing a direct link to the question of how these responses mitigate specific disadvantage as experienced by youth would have strengthened the response.

Lee's response demonstrates characteristics of work typically produced by a student performing at a grade D standard.