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2012 HSC - Aboriginal Studies

Band 5/6

Sample 1 Question 12(a)

Currently in Australia there is a significant 'gap' in the health of Aboriginal and non-Indigenous people. Aboriginals having a life expectancy of 10 years below non-Indigenous Australians. ~~Due to impacts~~ This is a direct result of colonialism and the change in Aboriginal peoples' nomadic life style to a sedentary life style.

Due to low income many Aboriginal people have poor access to nutritious food and thus are three times more likely to suffer from diabetes.

Over crowding in housing leads to spread of illness. Infant mortality rates are 1.7% higher than the national average.

And similarly as a result of low income many Aboriginal people have poor access to health care. Due to loss of culture and identity and low rates of unemployment amongst Aboriginal people many

Aboriginal people feel they have no value in society and to their community they have a sense of worthlessness - this leading to high rates of depression.

Similarly many turn to alcohol and substance abuse causing chronic illness.

Including liver failure and cardio
vascular disease - also as a result
of poor diets.

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