

Task 2

Model Response

Discussion with opinion question

Some governments provide financial assistance for retired, unemployed and disabled citizens. In other countries, families provide support for these people.

Discuss both systems and give your opinion about which one you think is better.

In different nations, the provision of financial support for citizens who are retired, unemployed or living with a disability comes either from the government or from families. This essay will discuss the merits and drawbacks of both systems.

Firstly, government-led support schemes offer a structured approach to welfare. This ensures a more consistent distribution of money, which reduces the chance of an individual missing out on support that they need. However, the budget for this welfare comes from the taxes paid by working citizens, which may create discontent among this portion of the population, especially if they feel that some individuals are abusing the system.

In contrast, a family-based support scheme is more personalised. Assistance provided by someone's family is more likely to be tailored to the specific needs of the individual and to provide a greater sense of emotional support. However, providing this care can put a strain on relationships in the family, especially if it creates a significant financial burden for them.

In my opinion, a combination of both systems is the best approach. It should be the government's responsibility to ensure that all citizens have access to a basic level of support, even if they cannot receive this from their own families. However, to encourage families to take on this role, services such as respite care and counselling could be offered to alleviate the pressures they may face.

In conclusion, there are both benefits and challenges to both systems but by combining them, nations are better able to create a society in which all members have access to the support they need to live dignified and fulfilling lives.