

Grade 7 EMS Worksheet

Assessment Task: Inequality and affirmative action

Inequality and affirmative action (Group activity)

Discuss the questions below in your groups and present your answers to the class.

- a) List six areas where inequality still exists in South Africa today. [6 marks]
- b) What is affirmative action? Formulate a definition. [2 marks]
- c) Do we need affirmative action in South Africa today? Motivate your answer. [4 marks]

[Total: 12 marks]

Group assessment checklist

Criteria	Yes	No
Our group could discuss and list six areas where inequality still exists in South Africa today.		
Our group could explain what affirmative action is.		
Our group could motivate whether or not we still need affirmative action in South Africa today.		
Our group showed empathy with previously disadvantaged people in South Africa.		
Our group showed empathy for the people who still experience inequality today.		
All our group members participated equally in the discussion.		
Our group worked well together in our discussion.		

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	12	<p>a)</p> <p>Education Ownership Home ownership Employment Wealth Poverty Overall quality of life/standard of living Access to basic amenities (any six) [6 marks]</p> <p>b) Affirmative action is a policy that takes race, ethnicity, or gender into consideration in an attempt to promote equal opportunities in the job market and in business. [2 marks]</p> <p>c) Learners' answers may differ. It is a fact that inequality still exists between rich and poor in South Africa today. White people still hold better-paying positions in general, while many black people hold menial jobs. Some learners will argue that affirmative action policies are still necessary today to redress this inequality. They should motivate their view. For example, they could point out that the damage caused by discrimination under apartheid can only be countered by a policy that assists those who suffered the ill effects of past discrimination. Others may feel that affirmative action is not a good policy. They would have to motivate why they say so. For example, they could hold the view that affirmative action is a discriminatory policy based on race. [4 marks]</p>

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Appendix of Assessment Tools

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