

# Check your privilege

Before we can start working on building a fairer world, we should understand where disadvantage exists in our society. How socially aware are you? Try our quiz to find out.



**1** According to Homelessness Australia, the proportion of homeless people in the country is approximately:

- a. one in every 100 Australians
- b. one in every 200 Australians
- c. one in every 300 Australians
- d. one in every 400 Australians

**5** According to Amnesty International Australia, asylum seekers arriving by boat make up which percentage of Australia's annual immigration?

- a. Less than 8%
- b. Less than 15%
- c. Less than 20%
- d. Less than 24%

**2** Last year, ABS statistics found that the highest suicide rates in any age group occurred in:

- a. adolescent men aged 15-19
- b. young men aged 25-29
- c. middle-aged men aged 45-49
- d. elderly men aged 85+

**6** What is the approximate percentage of Australians with a disability living near or below the poverty line, as found by PwC Australia?

- a. 12%
- b. 20%
- c. 35%
- d. 45%

**3** In which year was a federal referendum to change the constitution, and grant Indigenous Australians basic rights and services as Australian citizens?

- a. 1960
- b. 1964
- c. 1967
- d. 1972

**7** The total government expense on social services from 2014-15 is projected to grow to:

- a. \$93.3 billion
- b. \$113.3 billion
- c. \$130.3 billion
- d. \$160.3 billion

**4** As estimated by the Medical Journal of Australia, how many unborn children are aborted nationwide each year in Australia?

- a. Over 20,000
- b. Over 50,000
- c. Over 70,000
- d. Over 100,000

**8** In the 2011 Census, average unemployment rate of Australians was around 5%, while for Indigenous Australians it lay at around:

- a. 10%
- b. 16%
- c. 22%
- d. 25%

**9** Which of these statements is false?

- a. In 2012, almost 2.7 million carers were unpaid in Australia (ABS)
- b. Almost 35% of carers in Australia were born overseas (Mental Health Australia)
- c. Carers are most likely to be aged 55 to 64 years (SDAC, 2012)
- d. 24% of Australians on Carer Payment live below the poverty line (ACROSS, 2010)

**10** As found by ABS, around how many Australians will experience a mental illness in their lifetime?

- a. One in five Australians
- b. One in 10 Australians
- c. One in 15 Australians
- d. One in 20 Australians

Often our awareness of the social disparities which exist in our world can be distorted. We can be saturated with rosy images of fellow Australians living in style and comfort, to the point that our society develops a bubble where we assume that everyone lives in that way.



## How to become more compassionate?

We constantly see Australians reaching out to the marginalised and underprivileged. We don't have to travel across the world or start a national protest march to achieve social equality. Social justice works start in the home and local neighbourhood, as far as the house next door or cafe down the street.

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**ANSWERS:**  
1 b, 2 d, 3 c, 4 d, 5 a, 6 d, 7 c, 8 b, 9 b, 10 a.