



SPEAKING CHALLENGE

TOPIC: SOCIAL ISSUES

Let's practice with these questions, use the Topic-specific vocab list in section IV to enhance your answer. Good luck 💕

I. SPEAKING PART 1 – SOCIAL ISSUES (15 QUESTIONS)

1. Do you care about social issues in your country?
2. Are there many poor people in the area where you live?
3. Do you think inequality is a serious problem today?
4. Do you often read or watch news about social problems?
5. Have you ever helped someone in need?
6. Do you donate money to charity?
7. Are there government programs to help poor people in your country?
8. Do you think everyone should care about social issues?
9. Do you talk about social problems with your friends?
10. Are there homeless people in your city?
11. Do you believe education can reduce poverty?
12. Have you ever volunteered for a social cause?
13. Do you think hunger is still a global problem?
14. Do you support campaigns for social justice?
15. Are gender or income inequalities visible where you live?

II. SPEAKING PART 2 – SOCIAL ISSUES (5 CUE CARDS)

1. Describe a social issue you are concerned about.
2. Describe a charity event or activity you know about.
3. Describe a program that helps poor or disadvantaged people.
4. Describe a time when you helped someone in need.
5. Describe a news story about a social problem.

III. SPEAKING PART 3 – SOCIAL ISSUES (10 QUESTIONS)

1. What are the main social problems in your country?
2. Should governments do more to reduce poverty?
3. How can education help solve social issues?
4. Are social problems worse in cities or rural areas?
5. Should wealthy people help the poor more?
6. How can technology help reduce inequality?
7. Is income inequality increasing worldwide?

8. What role do charities play in society?
9. Are social problems caused more by individuals or by government policies?
10. How can international cooperation help solve global social issues?

IV. TOPIC-SPECIFIC VOCAB – SOCIAL ISSUES (BAND 8–9)

Vocab	Pronunciation	POS	Nghĩa	Example for speaking	Syn	Ant
poverty	/ˈpɒvəti/	n	nghèo đói	Poverty affects millions worldwide.	deprivation	wealth
income inequality	/ˈɪnkʌm ˌɪnɪˈkwələti/	n	bất bình đẳng thu nhập	Income inequality is widening.	wealth gap	equality
make ends meet	/meɪk ɛndz mi:t/	idiom	xoay sở đủ sống	Many families struggle to make ends meet.	survive financially	live comfortably
underprivileged	/ˌʌndəˈprɪvələɪzd/	adj	kém may mắn	Underprivileged children need support.	disadvantaged	privileged
social welfare	/ˈsəʊʃl ˈwelfeə/	n	phúc lợi xã hội	Social welfare protects vulnerable groups.	public support	neglect
raise awareness	/reɪz əˈweənəs/	collocation	nâng cao nhận thức	Campaigns raise awareness about hunger.	inform	ignore
social safety net	/ˈseɪfti net/	n	mạng lưới an sinh	A safety net helps the poor survive.	support system	-
break the cycle of poverty	/ˈbreɪk ɪl ˈsaɪkl/	collocation	phá vỡ vòng nghèo đói	Education can break the cycle of poverty.	end poverty trap	perpetuate poverty
hunger	/ˈhʌŋɡə/	n	nạn đói	Hunger remains a global issue.	starvation	abundance
food security	/fu:d sɪˈkjʊərəti/	n	an ninh lương thực	Food security is a major concern.	food stability	food shortage
marginalised groups	/ˈmɑːdʒɪnəlaɪzd/	n	nhóm yếu thế	Marginalised groups need protection.	excluded groups	mainstream society
social justice	/ˈsəʊʃl ˈdʒʌstɪs/	n	công bằng xã hội	Social justice ensures fairness.	equality	discrimination
welfare program	/ˈwelfeə/	n	chương trình phúc lợi	Welfare programs support the poor.	aid scheme	-
homeless	/ˈhəʊmləs/	adj	vô gia cư	Homeless people need shelters.	-	housed
affordable housing	/əˈfɔːdəbl/	n	nhà ở giá rẻ	Affordable housing reduces inequality.	low-cost housing	luxury housing



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living on minimum wage	/ˈmɪnɪmə wɛɪdʒ/	phr	sống bằng lương tối thiểu	Living on minimum wage is tough.	low-paid	well-paid
a wake-up call	/weɪk ʌp kɔ:l/	idiom	hồi chuông cảnh tỉnh	The report was a wake-up call.	warning	reassurance
go a long way	/gəʊ ə lɒŋ weɪ/	idiom	mang lại lợi ích lớn	Small help can go a long way.	be effective	be useless
vulnerable communities	/ˈvʌlnərəbl/	n	cộng đồng dễ tổn thương	Vulnerable communities suffer most.	at-risk groups	resilient groups
bridge the gap	/brɪdʒ ðə ɡæp/	idiom	thu hẹp khoảng cách	Education can bridge the gap.	reduce inequality	widen the gap

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