**INFO SHEET #3: Social, Moral and Economic Issues**

**Competency**

**EN8LC-IIIh-7.4:** Determine various social, moral, and economic issues discussed in the text listened to.

**Objectives**

After the end of the lessons, the learners are expected to be able to:

1. Define what is a social, moral, and economic issue;
2. Use critical listening in determining various social, moral, and economic issues;
3. Identify the social, moral, and economic issues discussed in the text listened to; and
4. Create a situation using different types of issues.

**Key Information**

**What is an issue?**

 An issue is an important problem or topic that people in the society argue about or discuss since it negatively affects many people in the society. It could be a social, moral, or economic issue.

**Common Issues in the Society**

1. **Social Issue**

 A *social issue* is a problem that affects the quality of life of many people in a society brought about by factors beyond an individual’s control. It is a source of conflicting opinion for many because different societies have different perceptions and what may be "normal" behavior in one society may be a significant social issue in another society. It is usually recognized by many as a condition or behavior that needs to be addressed.

 Examples: poverty, drugs, corruption, crab & colonial mentality, unemployment,

 overpopulation, child labor, inadequate health care service, terrorism,

 prostitution, pollution, malnutrition

1. **Moral Issue**

 *Morality* refers to the set of standards that enable people to live cooperatively in groups. It is what societies determine to be “right” and “acceptable.” A *moral issue* is an issue that concerns ‘right’ and ‘wrong’ as well as your own values, your beliefs, feelings, and leanings. It includes those actions which have the potential to help or harm others or ourselves.

 Examples: abortion, extra-marital affairs, gambling, pre-marital sex, divorce,

 homosexuality, drinking alcohol, extrajudicial killings, death penalty,

 same-sex marriage

1. **Economic Issues**

 *Economic issues* are problems that stops a nation from growing or developing. It is concerned with the production of goods and services to satisfy the unlimited wants of the economy through the utilization of scarce resources. It becomes a problem because although the needs and wants of people are endless, the resources available to satisfy needs and wants are limited.

 Examples: high population growth, unequal distribution of wealth,

 poor performance of agricultural sector, unemployment, minimum wage,

 poverty, corruption, lack of education

 When you listened to the different social, economic, and moral issues, you used more of comprehensive listening and critical listening.

 In comprehensive listening or informational listening, you listen to understand the ideas presented in the text. You distinguish between the main ideas or key points and the supporting details that further describe or prove the main ideas. Supporting details can come in the form of explanations, descriptions, examples, situations or events, data, and statistics. Thus, you need to listen closely for you to understand the main message of the speaker.

 You also need to use critical listening to analyze and evaluate the credibility of the writer’s message. In critical listening, you distinguish between facts and opinions of the speaker. You also analyze the pieces of evidence used to support arguments or claims before you agree or disagree to the ideas of the speaker.

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**Proposed Performance Tasks**

**Role play**

Directions: Examine the different issues in the Philippines. Present one prevailing issue through role-play and discuss the type of issues they presented.