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Liberia: University financing

1. What are the consequences of the government's decision to get rid of university fees? Give examples that are mentioned in the programme.

2. What is described as the government's reaction to the students' protests?

- a) Discontinuing the bus service to and from campus
- b) A reduction of teacher salaries
- c) Subsidising smartphone to support independent student learning
- d) Banning political activity among students

3. Student Mary Korpo Kerkula gives an example of her studying strategies. What does she do?

Pakistan: Extra holiday

4. True or false?

- a) Muharram is a national holiday celebrating the end of the year.
true / false
- b) The Pakistani government granted everybody four extra days of holidays.
true / false
- c) The extra days off were announced in an official looking document.
true / false
- d) You should always double check what you read online.
true / false



Australia: Cat problems

5. Who introduced cats in Australia, and when?

6. In what way are feral cats a big threat to Australian wildlife?

- a) They eat small mammals and birds
- b) They carry a contagious disease
- c) They are hard to sterilize successfully
- d) They are kept indoors permanently

7. What alternative to culling cats is mentioned in the programme?

8. What characteristic makes it possible for the cat population to grow and spread so much that they become a threat?

The Republic of Ireland: Separate housing – including or excluding people?

9. Why has an Irish university introduced a new optional housing scheme?

10. True or false?

- a) The new housing scheme is called Unicorn housing. True/false
- b) Megan Thornton came out as bisexual during her second year at college. True/false
- c) Nicky Anderson's LGBTQ+ friends were sceptical towards the separate housing scheme. True/false

11. Where is the university that introduced this housing scheme?
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| a. Tralee | f. Belfast |
| b. Limerick | g. Cork |
| c. Galway | h. Kilkenny |
| d. Tullamore | i. Londonderry |
| e. Dublin | j. Waterford |

Discussion points:

1. LGBTQ+ glossary: In the programme, the following terms are used. Can you explain them?

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Transgender
- Queer
- Questioning
- Intersex
- Allied

Useful glossaries can be found here:

<https://www.rfsl.se/en/lgbtq-facts/glossary/>

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms>

2. Moving away from home:

- a) What are your thoughts about moving away from home? What challenges do you think you might face?
- b) If you were to study abroad, which country would you choose and why?
- c) What kind of accommodation would you prefer? Halls of residence, renting a house with friends, a flat of your own, renting a room in a private house?

3. Animals and ethics. In what situations could killing an animal be justified? Where do you draw the line? Who gets to decide?



Word list

to decrease	to reduce
an increase	a raise
literally	exactly
severe	serious
financial strain	financial difficulty
indignant	angry
vanguard	leading
impediment	obstacle
to disrupt	to disturb the normal order
to agitate for	to try to raise awareness and make people feel upset
hardship	difficulty
denial	(here:) a statement that something is not true
feral	living wild, especially after escaping from being a pet
extinction	(the process of bringing to) a point where something no longer exists
mammal	warm-blooded animals whose babies are fed with milk from mammal glands
primary threat	main threat
to cull	to select individuals for removal, in order to control the size of a group or a population
to pioneer	to be the first to do something



Answers:

1. *Lack of electricity, teachers not getting paid, the university bus service has been discontinued*
- 2: *d*
3. *She uses her smart phone to do research*
- 4a: *false* 4b: *false* 4c: *true* 4d: *true*
5. *British colonists, 18th century*
- 6: *a*
7. *Sterilization*
8. *Their adaptability - they can adapt to any living environment*
9. *To make LGBTQ+ students feel more comfortable.*
- 10a: *false* 10b: *false* 10c: *true*
- 11: *b*