IELTS social studies vocabulary and discussion

Choose vocabulary from a box below and define it until your partner guesses which you chose and/ or ask a discussion question about it.

social exclusion- social inclusion	volunteer	aspire/ aspiration	religious worship
sexual equality/ equal rights for women/ women's lib	intolerance- tolerance	affluent/ affluence	(people with) different backgrounds
(social) vice	demotion	beliefs	(cultural) identity
geographical inequality	citizenship	cardiac illness	mental health problems/ psychological problems
social mobility- social immobility	aborigines/ indigenous people	referendum	detrimental
ethnic minorities	better yourself	meritocracy	policy makers
retribution	political institutions	rehabilitation	broken families/ single parent families
nuclear family- extended family	caregiver	house husband	divorce
(legal) guardian	stepmother/ stepfather	adoption/ adoptive parents- birth parents	friction/ conflict
prenuptial (agreement)	one night stands		

When your teacher stops you, ask about any vocabulary you aren't sure about, working together to define it, make questions and/ or answer questions each time.

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Take turns asking three questions from below, not looking below when it is your turn to answer.

Do you think that prenuptial agreements are a good idea? Why/ why not?

What are the main causes of friction in families in your country?

What are the potential difficulties of being a stepmother or stepfather?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of living with your extended family?

What is the trend in single families in your country?

Do you think that drug rehabilitation works?

What do you think the effects of an increase the divorce rate would be?

Do you believe that there is a lot of social mobility in your country?

What is the main aspiration of people your age, do you think?

How important is the women's lib movement/ bettering yourself/ religious worship/ aspiration to affluence for people in your country?

How much of a problem is geographical inequality/ cardiac illness/ social exclusion of ethnic minorities/ broken families in your country?

Do you think they should use referendums more often in your country?/ What are the pros and cons of using referendums?

Do you think the number of prenuptial agreements/ single parent families/ one night stands will increase?

Would you say that your country is a meritocracy? Why/ why not?

Do you think that people with different social backgrounds can have a successful marriage? Why/ why not?

Which policies of the country do you think are detrimental to the country?

Do you think there is a danger that policy makers lose touch with reality?

How have the main caregivers for children changed in the last 50 years in your country? How do you think it will change in the future?

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