Summative assessment task 1

For online students
To complete this assessment task you will be participating in an online discussion with other students in your class.

Your teacher will explain what you have to do but it is suggested that you read 'Participating in online discussion'.

Your task is to respond to particular questions posed by your teacher. These will be based on one or more of the following questions and issues:

• How should Australia prepare now for the high proportion of elderly people it will have in its population in 2030?
• How will the high proportion of elderly people in the population affect you in 2030?
• What are the advantages in having multiculturalism as a national policy?
• What sorts of adjustments do migrants and people who already live here have to make for multiculturalism to be effective?
• Why is it so difficult for Australia to pin down its cultural identity?

Your contributions to online discussion will be assessed on your ability to:

• make insightful comments on the information in question
• respond to the comments of others by summarising and building on their ideas
• stimulate the discussion towards different and relevant new directions (advanced skill)
• use appropriate language
• make at least four postings.

Use this checklist you printed out from the homepage to record your progress on this assessment task.

For students not working online
To complete this assessment task complete ONE of the following:

(a) What are the advantages/disadvantages of having a single, shared Australian identity

In answering this question, consider referring to your survey responses, the articles from Steve Vizard and My Van Tran and other readings from Australians All.

OR

(b) Australia will have a high proportion of elderly people in its population by 2030. What are some of the problems that will result from this population in-balance? What are some of the solutions that have been proposed.

Choose a solution that you think is most preferable and explain your reasons for thinking it is the most appropriate solution.