

## Writing Task Sample

### Unit 11 Forgetfulness and fading memories (p.91)

Is Hong Kong doing enough to help the elderly?

Write an article to express your views in about 200 words.

Hong Kong has one of the fastest **aging populations** in the world, with over 18% of the population aged 65 and above. This presents significant challenges in terms of healthcare, social welfare, and housing.

The city has made **efforts** to help its elderly population in recent years. First, people over 65 receive **health care vouchers**, which encourage them to seek **consultation** and establish a closer relationship with their family doctor who are familiar with their health conditions. Second, elderly people in Hong Kong are **eligible** to travel on public transport at a **concessionary fare** of HK\$2 per trip. Lastly, the Housing Authority provides **one-stop services** to **senior citizens** who are financially independent.

Despite the efforts, there is still **room for improvement** in these areas. Hong Kong's healthcare system is generally well-regarded, but there are concerns about **access** and **affordability**, particularly for elderly residents. Waiting time for public healthcare services can be long, and some **elderly residents** may **struggle** to afford private healthcare. Likewise, there are concerns about the **adequacy** of our **social welfare system**, particularly as the elderly population continues to grow. Hong Kong has a **severe housing shortage**, which has led to high rents and a lack of affordable housing options. Therefore, many old people have to live in **subdivided units**.

Overall, while Hong Kong has made efforts to support its elderly population, there are still significant challenges that need to be **addressed**. More resources and attention are needed to ensure that elderly residents have access to affordable healthcare, social welfare and housing.

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