

Collocations

Lesson 25 Global problems

Quiz Answers

Jim: If I'm elected, my number one priority will be alleviating poverty. A large portion of our country's population lives below the poverty line, and it's a fact that young people from disadvantaged backgrounds are more likely to engage in criminal activity. My opponent, on the other hand, wants to cut funding for the welfare program and leave millions of people without help.

George: I believe it is a mistake to focus on our country alone; we must remember that we are part of a global community. Opening up more homeless shelters is not a long-term solution to help those on the margins of society. However, investing in clean energy will enable us to grow our economy without harming the environment. This will benefit our country and our world.

Jim: That's a noble goal, but we have more pressing problems. I seriously doubt our citizens who are dying of hunger care about protecting endangered species and preventing global warming. Plus, it's not scientifically proven that humans can even cause irreparable damage to the planet.

George: Don't you see that the two issues are related? Due to climate change, the rain patterns have changed and our agricultural sector is not as strong as it once was. This results in food shortages. It's only going to get worse unless we end our dependence on fossil fuels and start using renewable resources.