TASK SHEET

Assessment Type 1: Text Analysis

Text: Trash *by Andy Mulligan*

Context

While reading it as a shared novel, the class wrote a series of 50 word summaries of its four parts and discussed Mulligan's use of multiple points of view, narrative techniques and exposé of poverty and corruption in an unnamed developing country.

Task Description

You will be put into groups to debate one of the following topics. You will submit your written script (800 words) and perform your debate in front of the class. No matter which topic you are given, you must use both evidence from the text and background research to support your argument.

You will be asked to debate either for or against one of these topics:

1. The conclusion of the novel is the best solution to José Angelico's 'legacy' and an example of community aid at its best.
2. *Trash* is a typical example of an outsider taking advantage of the misery of the Third World's poor to sell an entertaining story to affluent foreign readers.
3. "Money is what really matters"
4. Corruption will defeat itself.
5. *Another topic negotiated with the teacher*