Some people think that in order to prevent illness and disease, governments should try to reduce environmental pollution and housing problems. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Nowadays the world witnesses a wide range of illnesses being prevalent in societies due to poor standards of living of citizens. Many people are of the opinion that governments could play a substantial role in tackling some problems such as poor housing and air pollution so as to decrease the number of consequential diseases. I strongly agree with this view.

One of the controversial top-ranking news items in mega cities is dealing with air pollution. Based upon recent statistics the number of heart attacks has increased particularly in industrial cities. To be more accurate, a quite large number of death has been being reported for about ten years highlighted among adults over 60s and children less than 10 years old. Though Valuable progress has been though achieved on technology and industrial fields, no one can deny the serious illnesses affect inhabitants due to industrialism. Hence, a percentage of

government's budget is spent annually on social health care. If governments had controlled the air pollution or had improved the quality of petroleum, the hospitals would serve fewer patients today. The healthier the people are, the more productive a society become.

Although big cities, such as Tehran, are enormously luxury to live, they include some parts in which hardly can people reside. In fact, regions especially south parts concentrated by poor communities living in extremely unhygienic places. To illustrate, because of disgusting housing circumstances some dwellers' sleeping areas surrounded by garbage or a large number of families using a shared toilet. These are the current facts which can be seen both in developing and developed countries. Not only are the governments responsible for allocating a share of the budget to expand science, but also they should better to improve the slum surroundings by building apartments for poor level society with the aim of firstly elevating social welfare and secondly reducing the diseases.

In conclusion, if the governments are really keen on improving the social health, they have to address the real cause of diseases. In other words, by simply making housing affordable for all and controlling air pollution, the government can <u>prevent</u> its people <u>from</u> illnesses. Prevention, after all, is better than cure.