SECTION A

This section is compulsory. Write your response in between 400 – 500 words.

ITEM 1

Pakema is a rapidly growing peri-urban community on the outskirts of a major city that has attracted many people seeking affordable housing and employment opportunities. However, this rapid population growth has not been matched by improvements in infrastructure and social services, resulting in poor living conditions and rising youth unemployment. Consequently, cases of theft, rape, murder, and substance abuse have increased, creating a climate of fear and insecurity among residents. During your recent interactions with community members, many expressed frustration that security agencies respond slowly to crime and often fail to bring offenders to justice. With declining confidence in the formal justice system, some residents have resorted to mob justice. In the past year, angry crowds lynched two suspected criminals, but investigations later revealed that one of the victims was innocent, sparking outrage and deepening divisions within the community. Pakema is now at a crossroads, with some residents viewing mob justice as a necessary response to rising crime while others argue that it violates human rights and undermines the rule of law. You do not believe in mob justice and are convinced that sustainable solutions to crime must uphold justice and respect human rights.

Task:

As a resident of Pakema, enlighten the people on how to handle the challenge they are facing.

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