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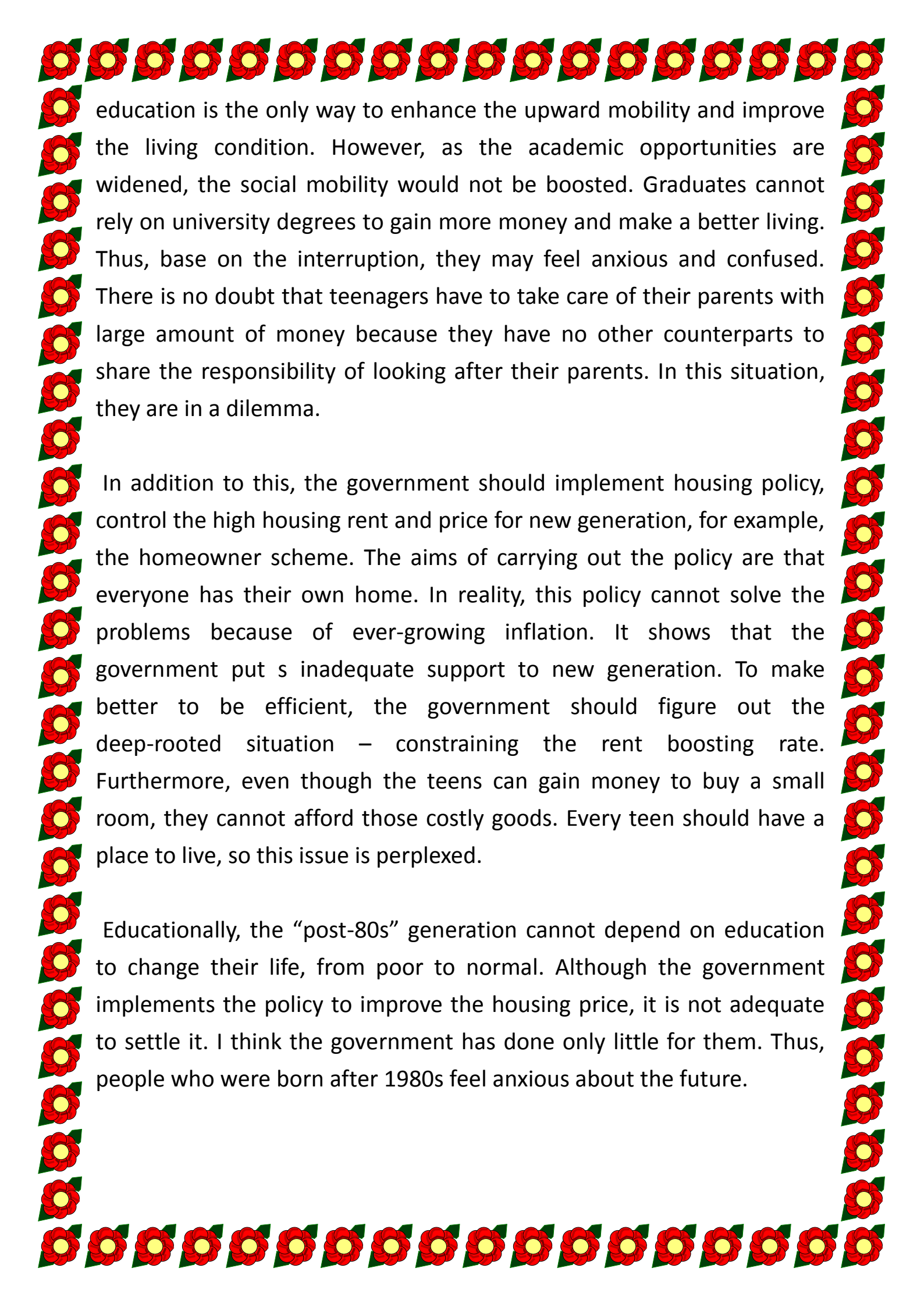
Dear Editor,

I am writing to the problems of “post-80s” generation. Nowadays, many people who were born after 1980’s can be defined as “post-80s” generation. It is considered by some that they are known to be aggressive and eager to voice their anger in the society. Also, they feel that they are unhappy and more fretful than the generations before them. To me, that is true. There are some ideas to show my point of view.

We can say that, in recent years, many “post-80s” generation are spoilt by their parents due to the decreasing birthrate and the better economical conditions. Thus, their parents would be more focusing on them and don’t want them to get hurt. For example, if teens cannot look for a job, their parents would invest money on them to set up a business. As a result, they lack the ability to face difficulties and settle hard matters. That is to say, new-generation people are not really under stress as much as older generation. The truth is they cannot handle the difficulty or come across a lot of pressure.

Despite the teens’ stress which is not more than older people, I would like to point out the reasons of youngsters’ worries.

To begin with, educationally, the ex-chief executive – Mr. Tung stated the policy that 18% of students should get a degree or above. So, the graduates of university are nothing but ordinary now. Moreover, it is uneasy for students with higher degrees to find a better post. Basically,



education is the only way to enhance the upward mobility and improve the living condition. However, as the academic opportunities are widened, the social mobility would not be boosted. Graduates cannot rely on university degrees to gain more money and make a better living. Thus, based on the interruption, they may feel anxious and confused. There is no doubt that teenagers have to take care of their parents with a large amount of money because they have no other counterparts to share the responsibility of looking after their parents. In this situation, they are in a dilemma.

In addition to this, the government should implement housing policy, control the high housing rent and price for the new generation, for example, the homeowner scheme. The aims of carrying out the policy are that everyone has their own home. In reality, this policy cannot solve the problems because of ever-growing inflation. It shows that the government puts inadequate support to the new generation. To make things better and more efficient, the government should figure out the deep-rooted situation – constraining the rent-increasing rate. Furthermore, even though the teens can gain money to buy a small room, they cannot afford those costly goods. Every teen should have a place to live, so this issue is perplexed.

Educationally, the “post-80s” generation cannot depend on education to change their life, from poor to normal. Although the government implements the policy to improve the housing price, it is not adequate to settle it. I think the government has done only a little for them. Thus, people who were born after the 1980s feel anxious about the future.