1. What is the similarity between the two cups in the cartoon?
   - They are both half-filled with water.

2. Try to find out the message that the cartoonist is trying to convey based on the hints given in labels (A) and (B).

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3. Based on your answers in Questions 1 and 2, what is the message that the cartoonist is trying to convey?
   - Our attitudes and feelings towards an event will be affected by whether we think about it positively or negatively.
4. Some people think that "self-confidence and hopefulness (having hope in life) are two essential elements to a positive outlook in life". Try to explain this based on what you have learnt and your personal experiences.

• When confronted with setbacks, self-confident people will focus on finding out the causes of their failures and the ways to improve themselves. They do not blame themselves and will face the setbacks and adversities more positively.

• People who have hope in life will deal with problems in a more proactive manner. They will set goals and take a step-by-step approach to reaching their goals.

(Students may answer freely but need to provide reasonable explanation.)

5. Do you agree that “people who are optimistic are like ‘Ah Q’ and they do not know that the world is evil and dangerous”? Explain your answer.

(Students should provide a reasonable explanation based on what they have learnt.)

“Ah Q” is a character from The True Story of Ah-Q, a novel written by Lu Xun. This term is now often used to describe people who are self-deceptive, self-deprecating and self-righteous.
I. Group Discussion

Please put down the key points from your group discussion in the space below. Before the group discussion, teachers may play the video clip “Bless Hong Kong” (http://www.povertyrelief.gov.hk/blesshk/en/mini-film.php). The video clip lasts for approximately 30 seconds.

Summary of the video clip:
Li Chung Hing (owner of a congee stall):
- I don’t think I am doing charity.
- I’d just like to share my congee with others. It’s that simple. We can do something, even if we’re insignificant. Little characters do little things. I can. The words “mutual support” seem to be forgotten now. It is a blessing to be able to help others.
- We love Hong Kong, with our hearts!

Do you think that Mr. Li has an optimistic and positive attitude towards life? Explain your answer.

II. Share Your Experience

Share your own experience with your classmates in dealing with difficulties or setbacks.