Whose Responsibility Is It?

In small groups, read through each example of a problem in society, and use the sentence starters provided to help you determine your answers. Determine which of the three parts of society should be primarily responsible for dealing with the problem.

- **Private Sphere:** I think people in our community should help solve this because ...
- **Civil Society:** Groups like clubs or charities could make a difference by ...
- **Government:** The government needs to do something about this issue because ...

1. Ensuring that children from birth to three years old eat nutritious food and develop healthy hygiene habits
   - A. Private sphere
   - B. Civil society
   - C. Government
   - D. Combination of all three

2. Ensuring that children receive equal educational opportunities
   - A. Private sphere
   - B. Civil society
   - C. Government
   - D. Combination of all three

3. Promoting the mental health of children
   - A. Private sphere
   - B. Civil society
   - C. Government
   - D. Combination of all three

4. Caring for elderly people
   - A. Private sphere
   - B. Civil society
   - C. Government
   - D. Combination of all three

5. Managing the borders of the country
   - A. Private sphere
   - B. Civil society
   - C. Government
   - D. Combination of all three

6. Maintaining streets in cities and towns
   - A. Private sphere
   - B. Civil society
   - C. Government
   - D. Combination of all three

7. Providing medical care for the needy
   - A. Private sphere
   - B. Civil society
   - C. Government
   - D. Combination of all three

8. Protecting native plants and animals
   - A. Private sphere
   - B. Civil society
   - C. Government
   - D. Combination of all three

9. Upholding the safety of the community
   - A. Private sphere
   - B. Civil society
   - C. Government
   - D. Combination of all three

10. Building highways, bridges, and dams
    - A. Private sphere
    - B. Civil society
    - C. Government
    - D. Combination of all three