EAST 101: Ageing Japan by Drew Ambrose

Answer the following questions as well as making a note on causes and solutions, costs and benefits

1. How has the Japanese government responded to the ageing population?

2. The ageing population has led to what kind of ‘revolution’?

3. According to Sakae Matsuzawa, what is the secret to longevity?

4. What is the average life expectancy of Japan?

5. How many centenarians are there in Japan?

6. What percent of the Japanese population are elderly?

7. What percent of the population will be elderly by 2050?

8. How much of Japan’s budget is spent on pensions and social security?

9. What percentage of social aid is allocated to the elderly?

10. How has the worker to retiree ratio changed since 1965?

11. How many elderly live alone?

12. How much is the robot industry worth?

13. What startling fact is revealed about nappies?

14. Which possible solution is hinder by language and cultural issues?

15. What will happen to Japan’s consumption tax?