Teacher's version P.28-35 (2.1: The shares / percentages of total income earned by the highest-income group and the lowest-income group - Activity 2)

Assignment 2

a. Determine the percentages of total income of different income groups (20%) and complete Table 2 with reference to the data in Table 1.

b. Sketch the trends of percentages of total income earned by different income groups (quintiles). Then explain how the income inequality changed during the period.

Distribution of Household Incomes in Hong Kong (1971-2001)

(Teacher may round up the figures to whole numbers)

Table 1   Unit: % of total income

Income group/decile	Year			
	1971	**1981**	**1991**	**2001**
Lowest 10%	2.3	1.4	1.3	0.9
Second 10%	3.9	3.2	3.0	2.3
Third 10%	5.1	4.4	4.0	3.4
Fourth 10%	5.1	5.4	5.0	4.4
Fifth 10%	7.0	6.5	6.1	5.6
Sixth 10%	7.3	7.8	7.4	7.0
Seventh 10%	9.0	9.4	9.0	8.8
Eighth 10%	11.0	11.5	11.4	11.1
Ninth 10%	14.7	15.2	15.5	15.3
Highest 10%	34.6	35.2	37.3	41.2
Total	100	100	100	100

Source: Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department

Distribution of Household Incomes in Hong Kong (1971-2001)

(a) Table 2   Unit: % of total income

Income group/ Quintile	Year			
	1971	**1981**	**1991**	**2001**
Lowest 20%				
Second 20%				
Third 20%				
Fourth 20%				
Highest 20%				
Total				

(b)

% of total income

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 90 ┤
 80 ┤
 70 ┤
 60 ┤
 50 ┤
 40 ┤
 30 ┤
 20 ┤
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