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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2015

COMBINED HUMANITIES

Paper 1: Social Studies

Secondary 4

Additional Materials: 5 sheets of writing paper

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1 hour 45 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Follow the instructions on the front cover of the Answer Booklet.

Write your index number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

Section A

Answer **all parts** of Question 1.

Section B

Answer **one** question.

Write all answers on the writing paper provided.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

Hand in the question paper, Section A and Section B separately.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A (Source-based Case Study)

Question 1 is **compulsory** for all candidates.

Study the Background Information and the sources carefully, and then answer **all** the questions.

You may use any of the sources to help you to answer the questions, in addition to those sources, which you are told to use. In answering the questions you should use your knowledge of the topic to help you interpret and evaluate the sources.

(a) Study Source A.

What can you infer about the author's view about healthcare in Singapore?
Explain your answer. [6m]

(b) Study Sources B and C.

After reading Source B, are you surprised by Source C? Explain your answer.
[8m]

(c) Study Source D.

What is the intention of the author? Explain your answer. [6m]

(d) Study Source E.

Can this source prove that healthcare is too costly for Singaporeans? Explain your answer. [8m]

(e) Study Source F.

How far is Source F useful as evidence about Singaporeans' opinions on the affordability of healthcare? Explain your answer. [7m]

How affordable is Healthcare in Singapore?

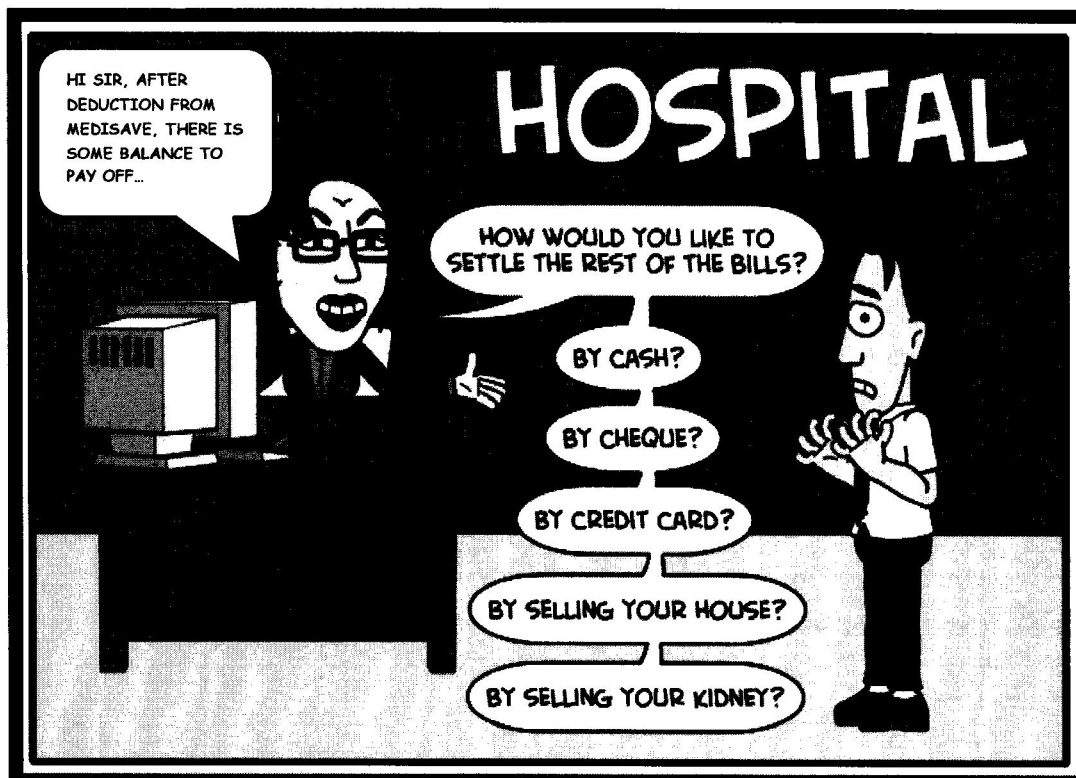
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Read this carefully. It may help you answer some of the questions.

Over the years, the cost of healthcare has been increasing steadily due to inflationary pressures. To meet the costs of hospital treatments, Singaporeans are expected to have health savings and insurance through the Medisave and Medishield schemes. The Government has also allocated resources in the form of subsidies for hospital stays as well as outpatient services. Medifund was also set up to help needy families who cannot pay for their bills. Singapore's health system is lauded internationally for its effectiveness as well as low national spending. The World Health Organization (WHO) has ranked Singapore 6th out of 191 countries on overall health system performance. Yet, there has been increasing calls from some Singaporeans for the government to provide more assistance as they feel that the charges are too high. How effective are the healthcare schemes in helping the public manage the cost of healthcare services?

Study the following sources to judge the effectiveness of the healthcare schemes in helping the public manage the cost of healthcare services.

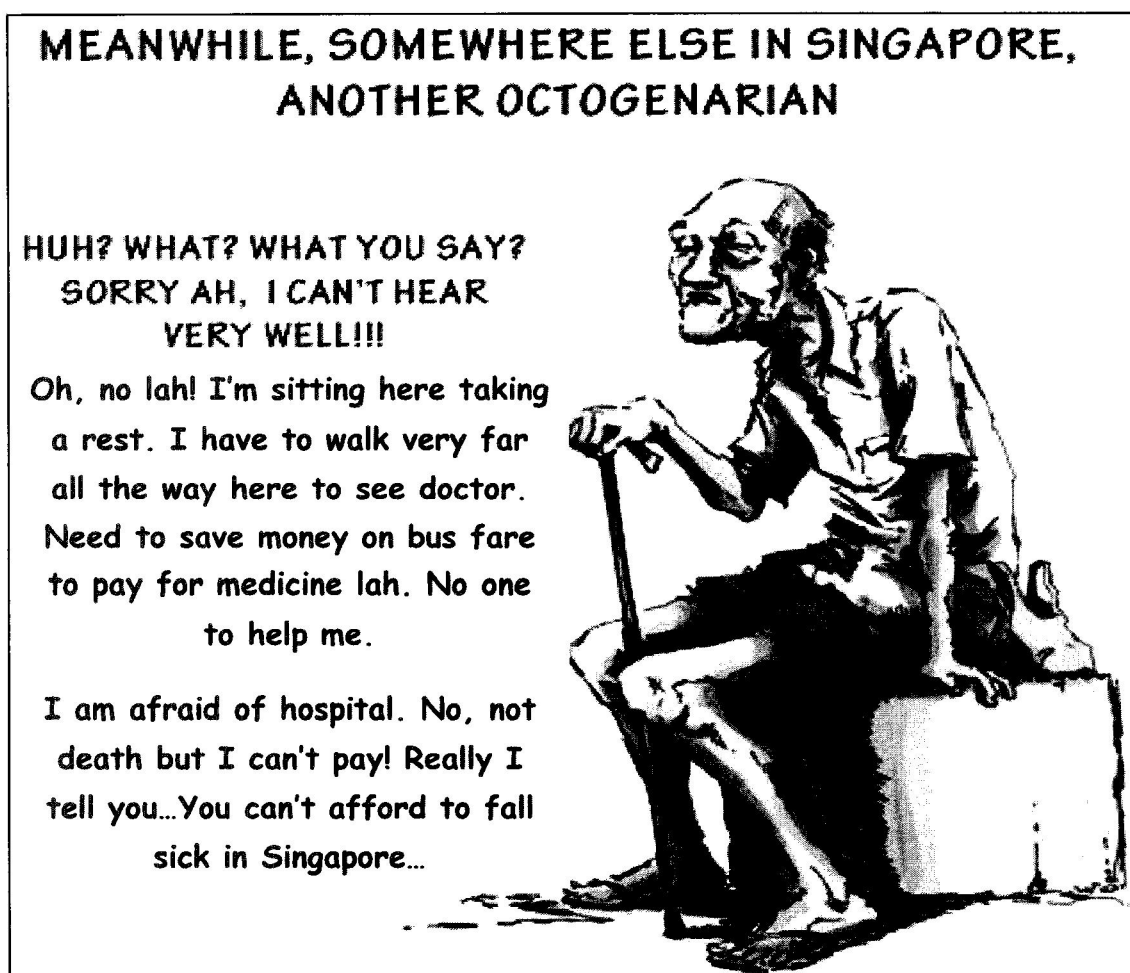
Source A: A cartoonist's impression of healthcare cost in Singapore.



Source B: A comment made in a public forum by a fellow Singaporean who benefitted from the healthcare system.

Singapore's medical bills are expensive, but it is not totally unaffordable. We must plan and be prepared by being insured. My mum was recently diagnosed with Leukemia and I learnt from my recent interactions with other patients that many poor Singaporeans are getting very good medical attention. Many patients with cases similar to my mum for example, could only afford to pay C class, which carries an **80% subsidy**, but the hospital will find some reasons to upgrade them up into B class wards at C class price so they can be more comfortable. Patients may consult medical social workers too. Hospitals generally adopt a treat first and pay later rule.

Source C: A cartoonist's view, about seeking health treatments in Singapore, posted on a website known to be critical of many government policies.



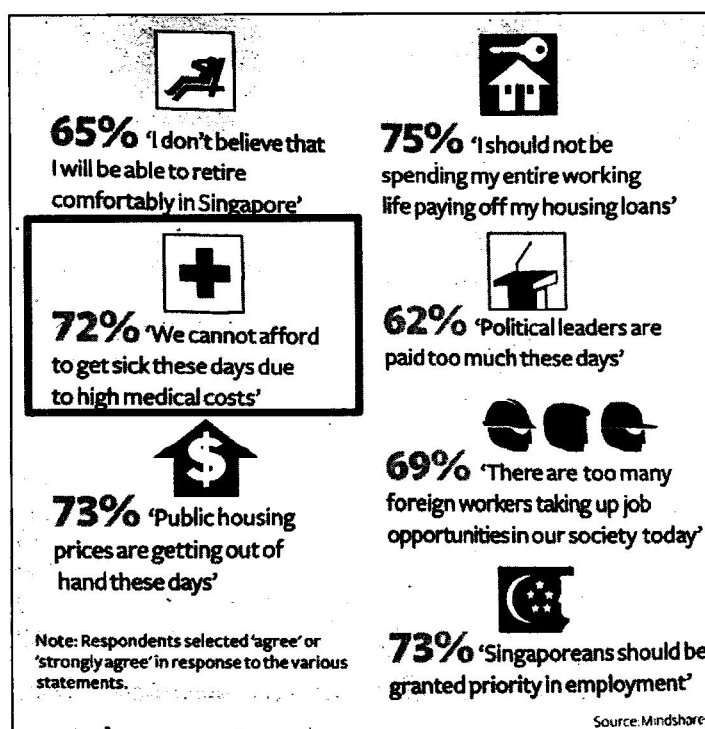
**Octogenarian refers to a person who is between 80 and 89 years old*

Source D: An excerpt of a speech by the president and founder of an international think tank at a national forum in Boston, USA.

Singapore spends only 3% of its GDP on health care in contrast to the United States' nearly 18%—yet has a healthier population. They believe that nobody in their country, even a foreigner, will go without health care. If they have to put more money into it to help the vulnerable population and the very old population, they will do it.

Singapore has a range of policies that support health care. For example, Singaporeans are required to have a health savings plan, called Medisave, that works like a 401K retirement savings plan in the U.S; health care costs for services and procedures must be completely transparent; there are high health care subsidies for those with low incomes; and the government invests heavily in medical education and emphasises the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Sometimes, the right government policy can have a positive impact.

Source E: Result of a survey conducted by Mindshare, a global media and marketing services company, involving over 2000 respondents in 2012 to find out about Singaporeans' confidence in the future of Singapore.



Source F: A comment, by a local nurse from a hospital in Singapore, about healthcare costs, published in the TODAY newspaper.

I see that the Singapore medicare system is constantly being reviewed to look after the needs of the patients. Many patients I attended to have been grateful for the recent increase in Medisave withdrawal limits and the amount of subsidies given for the treatment of chronic diseases. Some sickly individuals feel that these changes are a godsend, as they cannot work full time and thus do not have much savings to manage their healthcare needs. The Health Ministry through the '3M' framework has done a lot for the benefit of Singaporeans and still continues to do so. Singaporeans are so lucky that they can have access to so many medical treatments which citizens of some other developed countries might not have.

Section B

Structured Essay Questions

2. **Conflict and Harmony in Multi-Ethnic Societies: Social Cohesion and Harmony – Case Study of Singapore**
 - a) Explain how the policy of Minority Representation helped establish social harmony among different ethnic groups in Singapore. [5]
 - b) Explain two other methods that helped establish social harmony among different ethnic groups in Singapore. Is one of these more significant than the other? [10]

3. **Managing International Relations: 1990 – 1991 Gulf War**
 - a) Explain how the intervention by the Arab League aimed to get Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. [5]
 - b) Explain two other levels of intervention that aimed to get Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. Is any one of these more significant than the other? [10]

4. **Sustainable Development: Impact of Globalisation**
 - a) Explain how the widening income gap between the rich and poor has been a negative consequence of globalisation. [5]
 - b) Explain two other negative consequences of globalisation. Is one of these more significant than the other? [10]

THE END

Copyright Acknowledgements:

Source A: Adapted from <http://www.theonlinecitizen.com/2012/03/how-to-deal-with-rising-health-care-cost-part-i/>

Source B: <http://sgforums.com/forums/10/topics/313133?page=2>

Source C: Adapted from [Facebook.com/thecartoonpress](https://www.facebook.com/thecartoonpress)

Source D: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/features/singapores-health-care-system-holds-lessons-for-u-s/>

Source E: <https://oobleblogs.wordpress.com/2012/10/07/mindshare-survey-time-to-solve-problems/>

Source F: <http://www.todayonline.com/commentary/spend-more-keep-healthcare-affordable>

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**Social Studies Preliminary Examination
Marking Scheme and Examiners' Comment**

Mark Scheme: Section A (Source-Based Case Study)

- (a) Study Source A. What can you infer about the author's view about healthcare in Singapore? [6m]

L1	Describes the source <i>Award up to 2m for 2 details</i>	1-2m
	Makes a literal interpretation of the source Eg. The author is of the view that healthcare is affordable as he has illustrated the various ways/options to pay for healthcare.	3m
L2	Makes a valid interpretation of the source without supporting evidence Eg. The author is of the view that healthcare is unaffordable. Or The author was being critical about the affordability of healthcare in Singapore.	4m
L3	Makes a valid interpretation of the source without supporting evidence <i>Award 6m for answer that can identify the tone of the author to support point.</i> Eg The author is of the view that healthcare is unaffordable in Singapore. He showed this by showing a man who is a patient, looking worried when told that his Medisave is insufficient to cover his hospital bill. He also made use of sarcasm to show his disapproval of the cost of healthcare. He ridicule the system through the quotes 'how would you like to pay the rest of the bill – by cash, by cheque, by selling your house, by selling your kidney. He was trying to mock the system that it was too expensive resulting in inability of Singaporeans to pay the cost.	5-6m

(b) Study Sources B and C. After reading Source B, are you surprised by Source C? Explain your answer. [8m]

L1	Yes, I am surprised without reason. Eg: Yes, I am surprised.	1m
L2	Yes, I am surprised due to different provenance Eg: Yes, I am surprised because one was posted on a forum and the other was posted on a blog.	2m
L3	Yes, I am surprised with difference in contents supported Award 3m for identifying the clash in views Award 4m for answer with supporting evidence Yes, I am surprised because they are different in terms of the affordability of healthcare. Source B had a good experience and found healthcare affordable while Source C portrayed a more negative view and showed cost of healthcare as unaffordable. According to Source B 'Singapore's medical bills are expensive, but it is not totally unaffordable. Many patients with cases similar to my mum for example, could only afford to pay C class, which carries an 80% subsidy, but the hospital will find some reasons to upgrade them up into B class wards at C class price so they can be more comfortable' while in Source C the old/aged/ sick had to scrimp in order to pay for medical treatment and medicine. It also highlighted the negative view of people towards hospitals due to high cost.	3m-4m
L5	Identify that they are different but not surprised by explaining that these are 2 different opinions / 2 different experiences Eg: No, it does not surprise me because they are just 2 different personal opinions about affordability of healthcare in Singapore. Source B views healthcare positively even with high cost while Source C has a negative view about the affordability of healthcare. Eg: No, it does not surprise me because these are 2 different experiences. The mother of the author was undergoing leukemia treatment and at that point was given an upgrade therefore making a B class ward affordable for them. It could be a one-off incident. However, the author in source C had never experienced upgrading of wards or had never been hospitalized	5m
L6	Identify difference but not surprised with cross reference to other sources to show that Source C is unreliable.	6m

	Eg: No, I am not surprised because Source C is unreliable about the unaffordable cost of healthcare and this is challenged by the Background information which states that that 'Singapore system is lauded internationally for its effectiveness as well as low cost. The World Health Organization (WHO) has ranked Singapore 6th out of 191 countries on overall health system performance. This makes Source C unreliable therefore not surprising.	
L7	L6 + Identify that they are different but am not surprised using provenance & purpose of Source C. No, I am not surprised because blogger in Source C has an intended motive/purpose. He wanted to stress the plight of a group of needy Singaporeans so as to pressure government to allocate more healthcare resources to help the needy. Thus, he emphasised the high cost and unaffordability of healthcare online to gain the attention of the government so as to pressure them to spend more on healthcare. He also used a very old man as his focus to stir public's sentiments and to get public to question the sufficiency of current policies.	7m- 8m

(c) Study Source D. What was the intention of the author? Explain your answer.[6]

L1	Describes the source	1-2m
L2	Infer the message of the source with supporting details <i>Award 4m for support.</i> Eg. The author made the speech to highlight the importance of government's role in making affordable yet quality healthcare possible and accessible. From the source, 'Singapore spends only 3% of its GDP on health care in contrast to the United States' nearly 18%—yet has a healthier population. They believe that nobody in their country, even a foreigner, will go without health care... Sometimes, the right government policy can have a positive impact.'	3-4m
L3	Infer valid message with audience and intended reaction <i>Award 6m for both target audience and intended reaction identified.</i> Eg The author made the speech because he wanted to convince the US citizens and government leaders on the importance of government's role in making affordable yet quality healthcare possible and accessible so that the government will	5-6m

	take necessary actions to review/ change the healthcare policies to benefit citizens. From the source, 'Singapore spends only 3% of its GDP on health care in contrast to the United States' nearly 18%—yet has a healthier population. They believe that nobody in their country, even a foreigner, will go without health care... Sometimes, the right government policy can have a positive impact.' By quoting the example of Singapore, the speaker was trying to show an authentic example to influence the US government and people.	
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(d) Study Source E. Can this source prove that healthcare is too costly for Singaporeans? [8m]

L1	Describes the source, without focusing on the question	1m
L2	Prove based on content Eg Source E can prove that healthcare is too costly for Singaporeans as based on the survey, 72% of Singaporeans responded that they cannot afford to get sick due to high healthcare cost.	2m
L3	Does not prove, based on provenance only. Eg, Source E cannot prove that healthcare is too costly in Singapore as it based on responses from only 2000 Singaporeans. These cannot account for the large number of Singaporeans.	3m
L4	Prove or cannot prove, based on cross reference <i>Award 4m for 1c/r and up till 5m for additional c/r</i> Eg. Source E can prove that healthcare is too costly as it is supported by background information which also showed healthcare cost as too high. This can be seen in background information where it is stated that 'there are increasing calls from some Singaporeans for the government to provide more assistance as they feel that the charges are too high.' This makes Source E more reliable and hence can prove that healthcare is too steep. Source E cannot prove that h/c cost is too costly upon cross-referencing source D which refutes Source E by highlighting the affordability of healthcare. From Source D, it is stated that 'no one will be denied healthcare due to affordability issues. .. There are funds that they can apply for. Some hospitals offer interest-free instalment plans to help patients who have trouble paying large bills at one go.' Hence, making Source E less reliable and	4m-5m

	cannot prove that healthcare cost is too costly.	
L5	L4+ can prove, based on explained provenance Eg. Source E can prove as Mindshare gathered data from Singaporeans who responded. They have experiences with healthcare in Singapore and would be able to provide a current view on the affordability of healthcare services. Mindshare has also little reasons to manipulate the stats as they are the third party.	6m
L6	L4+ cannot prove, by questioning validity of survey Source E cannot prove that healthcare is too costly as the survey is based on Singaporeans' perceptions and confidence level. It is limited in scope to prove something as complex as healthcare and its cost. The dynamics of the economy coupled with inflationary pressures in the future, a perception survey cannot prove something so conclusive about the cost of healthcare. <i>Award up till 8m if candidate is able to further explain that the issue of affordability is subjective.</i>	7m – 8m

(e) Study Source F. How far is source D useful as evidence about Singaporeans' opinions on the affordability of healthcare? Explain your answer. [7m]

L1	Assertion based on provenance without explanation E.g. Source F is useful as this source is from a local nurse who works for the healthcare system.	1m
L2	Not useful based on biasness Identified – Provenance only E.g. This source is not useful as this source is not reliable. This source is a bias source as she is working for the healthcare system and will speak up for the system.	2m
L3	Useful based on content / Not useful based on missing information. <i>Award 3m for mere description of content. Award 4m for inference based on source content.</i> E.g. This source is useful in showing me the positive views on the affordability of healthcare. It says about healthcare being manageable for Singaporeans due to multiple levels of government support. The source states that 'Singapore	3-4m

	Medicare system is constantly being reviewed to look after the needs of the patients... Many patients I attended to have been grateful for the recent increase in Medisave withdrawal limits and the amount of subsidies given for the treatment of chronic diseases. Some sickly individuals feel that these changes are a godsend, as they cannot work full time and thus do not have much savings to manage their healthcare needs. The Health Ministry through the '3M' framework has done a lot for the benefit of Singaporeans and still continues to do so.' Or Not useful as there is no mention about other views on affordability of healthcare.	
L4	L3+ Assertion based on cross-referencing to check reliability E.g. This source is useful in showing me the positive views of Singaporeans on the affordability of healthcare because it is reliable and it is supported by source B where the author also a local had praises for the healthcare system for attempts to make healthcare affordable and comfortable for the citizens. Thus making Source F reliable and useful as evidence in showing some Singaporeans' views.	5m
L5	L3 + Assertion based on provenance explained The source is useful in showing me that Singaporeans are positive and do find healthcare affordable. The source is from the perspective of a local nurse who would have experience the healthcare system. Furthermore, she has interacted first-hand with patients who are satisfied with the system making her account a reliable and useful as evidence.	5m
L6	L5 + shows limitation through c/r L5 + however, the source did not show that some Singaporeans are negative/ critical about the affordability of healthcare in Singapore. This is reflected in Source A. (Provide evidence from source A). Thus, this limits the usefulness of Source F.	6m -7m

Section B (Structured- Essay Question)

2	Conflict and Harmony in Multi-Ethnic Societies: Social Cohesion and Harmony – Case Study of Singapore	Marks
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(a)	Explain how the policy of Minority Representation helped establish social harmony among different ethnic groups in Singapore.	5
L1	Describes policy in general (Does not provide specific example)	1-2
L2	Describes the given factor, but no links made on how it helped establish social harmony in Singapore (Provides Point and Evidence but no explanation) E.g. The policy of Minority Representation helped establish social harmony in Singapore. For example the President Council for Minority Rights (PCMR) helps to establish social harmony in SG by having people from the minority groups to examine laws before they are passed.	3
L3	Explains the given factor that ... <i>Award 4 marks for weak explanation, and up to 5 marks for strong and clear explanation and link.</i> The policy of Minority Representation helped establish social harmony in Singapore. For example the President Council for Minority Rights (PCMR) headed by the President has people from the minority groups to examine laws to ensure fairness and non-discrimination before they are passed. This helps to establish social harmony as laws in SG would not disadvantage any group and the minority groups feel valued in SG as their views are sought before laws are passed.	4-5

2b	Explain two other methods that helped establish social harmony among different ethnic groups in Singapore. Is any one of these more effective than the other?	10
L1	Write about the other methods but without focus on the question (Does not provide specific example) • Developing common space • Bilingualism • Common Practices • Self-Help Groups Award 1 mark for each detail, to a maximum of 2 marks.	1-2
L2	Describes 1 other method. (Provides Point and Evidence but no explanation)	3-4
L3	Explains 1 other way Eg. Bilingualism helped establish social harmony among different ethnic groups in Singapore. By having all Singaporeans learn English and their mother tongue in schools, Singaporeans not only retain their cultural roots but at same time could communicate with one another with minimal misunderstanding. As English is the official working language, all documents are written in English and this avoids favouring one group over another.	5-6

	Hence, the fair treatment in bilingualism ensures social harmony in Singapore.	
L4	Explains 2 ways Eg. Self-help groups help establish social harmony in Singapore. The Chinese are helped by CDAC, the Malays are helped by Mendaki and the Indians are helped by SINDA. The intent of self-help group is not to drive the divide deeper but rather to foster pride and ownership in each ethnic group. By helping their own group, each group would know their own peculiar needs and help address it better. This would also bring about healthy competition among the self-help groups to ensure that their own communities do well. When all groups are levelled up through their own efforts, their fosters social harmony as all groups are seen as equals rather than one group dominating the others.	7- 8
L5	L4 plus Weighs relative importance Suggested: Bilingualism is more effective as it affects Singaporeans from all walks of life. Self-help groups tend to be confined to the needy and wealthy groups and the middle-class do not usually participate in self-help groups' activities. As language is used all the time by everyone, it is the more effective method to establish social harmony in Singapore.	9-10

3	Managing International Relations: 1990 – 1991 Gulf War	
(a)	Explain how the intervention by the Arab League aimed to get Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait.	5
L1	Writes about intervention by the Arab League but without focus on the question (Does not provide specific example) Award 1 mark for each detail, to a maximum of 2 marks.	1-2
L2	Describes the given factor (Provides Point and Evidence but no explanation, connection to political domain is not clear. E.g The Arab League is an organization that consists of 21 independent Arab States. It intervened during the Iraq-Kuwait conflict, trying to get Kuwait to write off the debts that Iraq loaned from Kuwait during the 1980 – 1988 Iraq-Iran War.	3
L3	Explains the given factor E.g. Immediately after its invasion by Iraq, Kuwait appealed to the Arab League to organize a joint force to counter the Iraqi invasion as well as to condemn its actions. The Arab League responded by voting to condemn Iraqi actions as well as calling upon Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. However, this vote was passed only by a slim margin. Eight of the Arab League members did not support the vote. By condemning Iraq, the Arab League wanted to show	4-5

	their disapproval and hoped to pressure Iraq to withdraw its troops from Kuwait.	
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3b	Explain two other levels of intervention that aimed to get Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. Is any one of these more significant than the other?	10
L1	Writes about other levels of intervention without focus on the question (Does not provide specific example) • Intervention by UN • Intervention by USA	1-2
L2	Describes 1 other consequence <i>Award 3 marks for 1 consequence, and an additional mark for another consequence.</i> (Provides Point and Evidence but no explanation)	3-4
L3	Explains 1 other consequence <i>Award 4 marks for an explanation, and 2 additional marks for supporting details.</i> <i>E.g. The US responded by setting up Operation Desert Shield to protect Saudi Arabia from possible invasion by Iraq, given the proximity between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and it also set up a coalition force of more than 30 countries that aimed to get Iraq out of Kuwait. USA sent state of the art defence technology such as the Stealth Fight and cruise missile to engage in a fight against Iraq so that it would withdraw from Kuwait.</i>	5-6
L4	Explains 2 other levels of intervention <i>E.g. The UN Security Council passed a resolution unanimously, demanding an immediate Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. It also called for the two countries to begin immediate and intensive negotiations for their resolution of their differences. Both Kuwait and Iraqi assets worldwide were immediately frozen to prevent Iraq from making use of the funds. Economic and military sanctions were used to force Iraq out of Kuwait. No country was allowed to sell goods to Iraq. These were done in the hope that Iraq would withdraw from Kuwait.</i>	7-8 marks
L5	L4 plus Weighs relative importance	9-10 marks

4	Sustainable Development: Impact of Globalisation	
(a)	Explain how the widening income gap between the rich and poor has been a negative consequence of globalisation.	5
L1	Write about widening income gap btw rich and poor but without focus on the question (Does not provide specific example) Award 1 mark for each detail, to a maximum of 2 marks	1-2

L2	Describes the given factor. (Provides Point and Evidence but no explanation)	3
L3	Explains the given factor. E.g. Widening income gap between the rich and poor (must be specific if it's within a country or between country) within a country is a negative consequence of globalisation as it can lead to social tensions within the country. For instance, as the rate of globalisation moves at a faster pace, some people in the country will find themselves left out of the race and <u>this will cause the gap between the rich and the poor to widen as the rich are able to thrive through global trade while the poor are unable to keep up with the changes.</u> This can be seen in China where the divide between the very rich and very poor is apparent among the provinces such as affluent Shanghai and impoverished Guizhou. <u>This will cause the people to feel dissatisfied and this might lead to social unrest if the divide is not addressed effectively by the government.</u>	4-5

4(b)	Explain two other negative consequences of globalisation. Is one of these more significant than the other?	10
L1	Write about the negative consequences in general but without focus on the question (Does not provide specific example) Award 1 mark for each detail, to a maximum of 2 marks • Global Warming • Loss of local culture/Homogeneity of cultures	[1-2]
L2	Describes 1 other negative consequence <i>Award 3 marks for 1 detail, and an additional mark for another details.</i>	[3-4]
L3	Explains 1 other negative consequence Eg. Global warming is a negative consequence of globalization. Global warming is caused by multiple factors but one of them was the increase in frequency of travel among people around the world. With the advent of technology, super carriers such as the supertankers and A380 are invented to ferry more people and goods at the same time. Whilst this is a good thing, the frequency of trips has also increased as people become more interconnected. These super carriers discharge huge amounts of pollutants that contribute to the greenhouse gas effect and in turn makes the earth hotter as these gases are trapped in the hemisphere.	[5-6]
L4	Explains 2 other negative consequences	[7-8]
L5	L4, plus weighs the relative importance of different the consequences. E.g Global warming is a more significant effect of globalization based	[9-10]

	on the criterion of impact. Global warming not only melts the ice-caps leading to rising sea levels which in turn threatened low-lying areas, it will also endanger certain species and cause others to thrive, leading to an imbalance in the ecosystem and this change is irreversible. Comparatively, loss of local cultures would not result in such catastrophic results.	
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