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Paper 1 Social Studies

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Additional materials: Writing Papers

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, index number and class on all the work you hand in.
Write your answers in the writing papers provided.
Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

Section A

You must answer **all** parts of Question 1

You are advised to spend no longer than 60 minutes on Section A.

Section B:

Answer **one** question.

Begin your answer to Section B on a new and separate sheet of paper.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together if you use more than one foolscap paper.

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 answer the questions, in addition to those sources 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.

1 (a) Study Source A.

Why was the cartoon published? Use the source and your knowledge to support your answer. [6]

(b) Study Sources B and C.

How far does Source B disagree with Source C? Explain your answer. [7]

(c) Study Source D.

Are you surprised by what Source D say? Explain your answer [7]

(d) Study Source E.

How far does Source E prove that Hamas was to be blamed for the atrocities during the Israel-Gaza conflict? Explain your answer. [7]

(e) Study Source F.

How useful is Source F in telling you about the Israel-Gaza conflict? Explain your answer. [8]

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Who is to be blamed for the atrocities in the Israel-Gaza conflict?

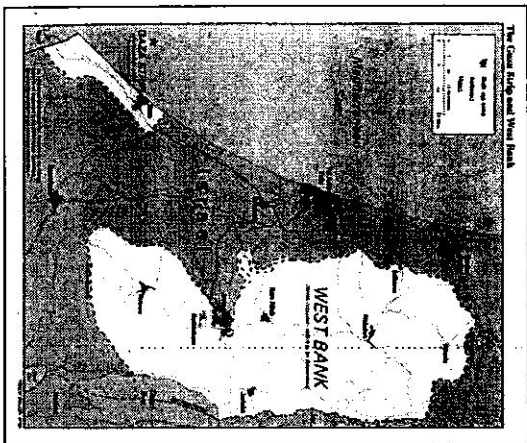
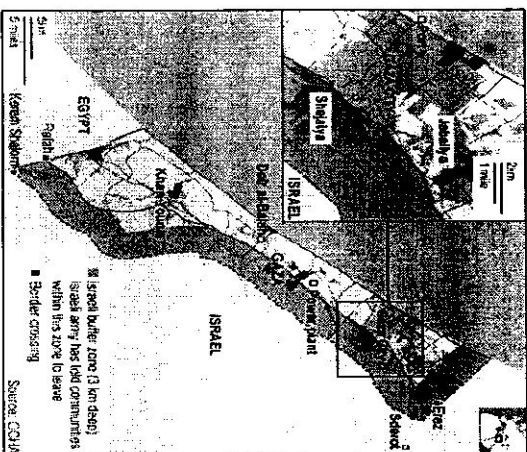
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

The Israel-Gaza conflict, taking place in the region of the Gaza Strip and southern Israel, is a part of the long-term Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israel occupied Gaza in the 1967 Middle East war with the aid of the Americans and only pulled its troops and settlers out in 2005. Israel considered this the end of the occupation, but it still exercises control over most of Gaza's borders, waters and airspace. Israel has imposed tight restrictions on the movement of goods and people in and out of the Gaza Strip, measures which Israel says are vital for its own security. However, Palestinians in Gaza feel confined and are suffering socio-economic hardship due to these restrictions. The dominant Islamist Palestinian movement, Hamas and other militant groups say the restrictions are intolerable.

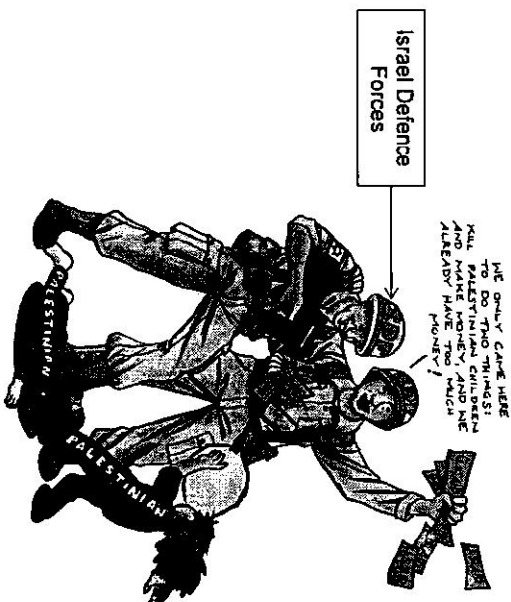
This led to an increased exchange of rockets fired by Hamas in Gaza and the continuous air strikes by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF). This in turn led the IDF to launch *Operation Protective Edge* on 8 July 2014, which it said was aimed at stopping rocket attacks and destroying Hamas' capabilities. In the course to crackdown Hamas threats on the Israeli, many Gazan civilians (especially women and children) were killed and homes destroyed by the IDF air strikes. The IDF claims that Hamas deliberately use civilian homes for terrorist purposes, so it is unavoidable that some civilians will be harmed when the IDF acts against these targets. Hamas exploits such instances to claim that the IDF deliberately seeks to harm the civilian population in Gaza.

Study the following sources to find out who is to be blamed for the atrocities in the Israel-Gaza conflict.



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Source A A political cartoon published on the Palestine News Network.



Source B A report posted on the Israel Defence Force blog, August 2014.

Hamas is responsible for the destruction in civilian areas in Gaza. Not only did Hamas draw the IDF into a battle by refusing to cease its indiscriminate rocket fire on Israelis, Hamas also brought the battle right into the heart of Gaza's civilian areas. The IDF would not strike targets in civilian areas if Hamas had not embedded its terrorist infrastructure there. The IDF only intentionally attacks military targets. Unfortunately, Hamas never ceased to fire from populated civilian areas. Moreover, Hamas knows that even though the IDF does all it can to minimize civilian harm by providing effective advance warning where feasible. They should know that their rockets could eventually bring counterfire which will cause inevitable civilian casualties as IDF forces will continue to protect the Israeli civilian population at all cost.

Source C An interview with Hamas fighter in Gaza published on Russian Times, July 2014.

When the IDF launched the Operation Protective Edge, they ransacked our homes, murdered civilians, and kidnapped hundreds Palestinians. In response, we launched some rockets at Israel as a sign of defence which inevitably caused the Israelis to respond back with air raids that caused inevitable civilian casualties and destruction to our livelihoods. Israel bombed schools where children slept, markets where civilians gathered, beaches where children played soccer, and refugee camps where international aid workers congregated. Israel also targeted the health infrastructure of Gaza (hospitals, clinics, and ambulances) to ensure that Gazan civilians could not get treatment after being shelled. Israel even destroyed the only power plant in Gaza leaving the few remaining hospitals and clinics inoperable. Now you tell me who is the real terrorists?

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Source D An interview with an IDF officer on Israel rights to fight back, published on "The Times of Israel, July 2014.

A lot of news coverage begins with Israeli strikes on Gaza as if we are the neighbourhood bully who just decided to flex our muscles for no reason. Look at how Hamas has been firing rockets into Israeli towns for years. You cannot ask us to be quiet especially when our cities are constantly under rocket fire with many of our citizens living in danger and at worst killed. Arguably, before an impending strike, the IDF always warn Gaza civilians with warning leaflets, informing them through personalized phone calls and mass SMSes. How many militaries do that? We even have an advance system called "knock on the roof" as warning and if we see civilians still in an area we will abort our mission. But of course, civilian casualties are inevitable in times of war.

*The Times of Israel is a national newspaper publication of Israel.

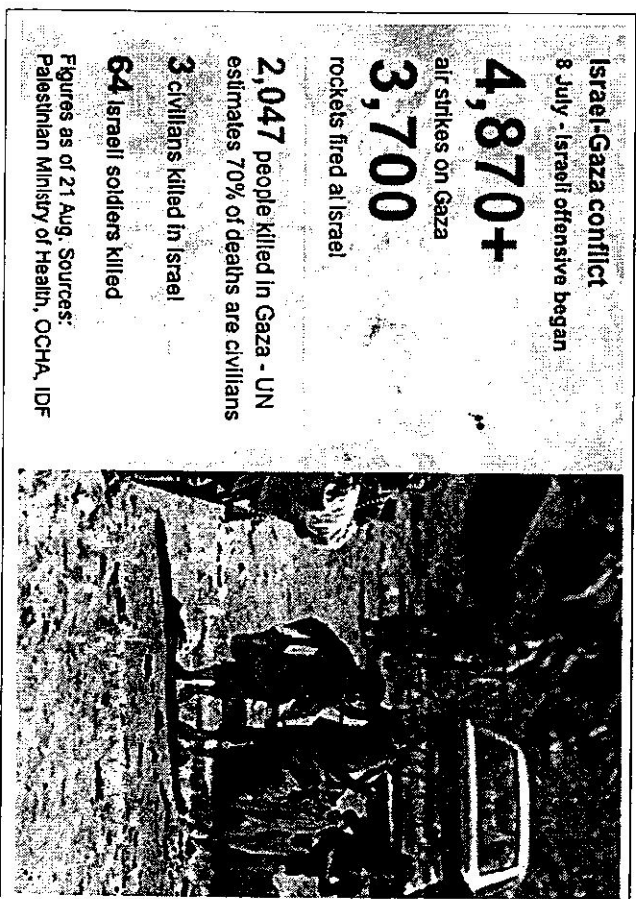
Source E Infographics by the Israeli Defence Force on Hamas capabilities and intentions published on the IDF blog, July 2014.



* Ahmad Sa'ad was a key Palestinian Islamic Jihad operative in the Gaza Strip specializing in rocket launching. Sa'ad is personally responsible for the launching of five rockets towards Ashkelon on January 16, 2014 which were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

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Source F Infographic on the Israel-Gaza conflict taken from UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), August 2014.



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Section A (Source-Based Case Study)

1 (a) Study Source A

Why was the cartoon published? Use the source and your knowledge to support your answer.

[6]

LEVEL	DESCRIPTIONS	MARKS
1	Describe source. E.g. The source is showing an IDF soldier happily shooting innocent Palestinian children while the other holding on to the US aid as money they earned.	[3]
2	Message(s), unsupported. Avoid a mark for not using source but based on context. E.g. The cartoon was published to put blame on the IDF for the atrocities that they had caused during the Israel-Gaza conflict.	[2]
3	The cartoon was published to put blame on the US for aiding the IDF to continue the atrocities done on the people of Palestine.	[3-4]
4	Message(s), supported. Award 3 marks for stated purpose. E.g. The cartoon was published to put blame on the IDF for the atrocities that they had caused during the Israel-Gaza conflict. This is evident from the cartoon, which shows an IDF soldier mercilessly killing the Palestinian children portraying no remorse from the smile on his face. It is captioned with, "We only came here to do two things. Kill Palestinian children..." This shows that the IDF has violated the international law and should be blamed for the killing of innocent civilians.	[5]
5	Message(s), Purpose. E.g. L3+ By publishing this source in the Palestine News Network hope to send the message to international community and hoped that the international community would condemn the Israel government for the atrocities that they had done on the innocents in Palestine. At the same time it is to put pressure on the international body to intervene and stop the ongoing violence in Palestine [IMPACT].	[6]
5	Message(s), Purpose, Context. E.g. L4+ The source was created in view of the continued violence done by the IDF on the innocent civilians in Palestine especially the women and children during the recent Israel-Gaza conflict [CONTEXT].	[6]

1 (b) Study Sources B and C.

How far does Source B disagree with Source C? Explain your answer.

[7]

LEVEL	DESCRIPTIONS	MARKS
1	E.g. Source B tells me about Hamas using rocket to fire on Israel cities, which is disagreed by Source C, which tells me about Hamas murdering 3 Israeli teens.	[1]
2	Disagree, disagree, based on source content, unsupported. Award 2 marks for stated purpose. E.g. Source B disagrees with Source C on the issue of who should be blamed for the atrocities done on civilians in Gaza.	[3-4]
3	Source B also disagree with Source C on the issue that IDF was destroying civilian lives on purpose.	[5]
4	Disagree, disagree, based on source content, unsupported. E.g. Source B disagrees with Source C on the issue of who should be blamed for the atrocities done on civilians in Gaza. Source B blames Hamas while Source C blames the IDF. This is evident in Source B, which states, "Hamas is responsible for the destruction in civilian areas in Gaza" which is disagreed in Source C stating, "the IDF (had) ransacked Palestinian homes, murdered civilians, and kidnapped hundreds more." These evidences show that both sources are blaming one another on the atrocities done on the civilians in Gaza thus disagreeing on the issue.	[5-6]
5	AND/OR Source B also disagree with Source C on the issue that IDF was destroying civilian lives on purpose. In Source C it states, "Israel responded to our retaliation by bombing schools where children sleep, markets where civilians gathered... Israel also targeted the health infrastructure of Gaza (hospitals, clinics and ambulances) to ensure that Gazan civilians could not get treatment... Israel even destroyed the only power plant in Gaza leaving the few remaining hospitals and clinics inoperable." This shows that the IDF were purposefully targeting the livelihood of the Palestinians showing their hatred towards the lives of the innocent. This is disagreed in Source B which states, "The IDF only intentionally attacks military targets. Unfortunately, Hamas never ceased to fire from populated civilian areas. Moreover, Hamas knows that even though the IDF does all it can to minimize civilian harm, including by providing effective advance warning where feasible." This shows that the IDF only targeted military operated areas but unfortunately the Hamas has been operating its military coordinations in civilian areas which the IDF has used precautioned when attacking to minimise civilian deaths.	[7]
5	AND/OR Source B agrees with Source C on the issue that the launch of rockets by Hamas will eventually cause civilian casualties in Palestine. In Source B it states, "...their (Hamas) rockets could eventually bring counterfire which will cause inevitable civilian casualties as IDF forces will protect the Israeli civilian population at all cost." This is agreed in Source C which also states, "...we launched some that caused inevitable civilian casualties and destruction to our livelihoods." This shows that the attacks made by Hamas would eventually back fire on them as the IDF would fight back to protect the Israeli civilians from rocket threats. Furthermore, with Hamas operating within civilian areas, civilian casualties are definitely inevitable when IDF launch its air raids to eliminate their enemies.	[7]
5	Disagree, based on source, message, purpose, with support. Award 3 marks for stated purpose, comparison of purpose. Award 4 marks for strong and logical comparison of purpose. E.g. Source B disagrees with Source C on purpose. The purpose of Source B is to convince the Israelis and the international audience that the IDF are not responsible for the deaths of innocent civilians in Gaza. The author wants the readers to blame the Hamas for the atrocities as they had operated their military coordination within the civilian areas in Gaza, which gave IDF the right to launch attacks, inevitably killing the innocents around the area. This is evident from the source that states, "Hamas is responsible for the destruction in civilian areas in Gaza. Not only did Hamas draw the IDF into a battle by refusing to cease its indiscriminate rocket fire on Israeli, Hamas also brought the battle	[7]

right into the heart of Gaza's civilian areas... IDF would not strike targets in civilian areas if Hamas had not embedded its terrorist infrastructure there." At the same time the author wants to rally support for IDF and instill hatred on the Hamas for using civilians as sympathizer for their cause of war.

On the other hand, the purpose of Source C is to convince international audience that the IDF was responsible for the deaths of innocent civilians in Gaza and they had purposely targeted non-military areas in Gaza. This is evident from the source, which states, "The IDF ransacked Palestinian homes, murdered civilians... Israel bombed schools where children slept... targeted the health infrastructure of Gaza (hospitals, clinics, and ambulances) to ensure that Gazan civilians could not get treatment after being shelled... Now you tell me who is the real terrorist? At the same time the author wants the international readers to condemn the Israeli government and put pressure on the international organisation to stop the atrocities done on the civilians in Gaza. This

1 (c) Study Source D

Are you surprised by what Source D says? Explain your answer

[7]

LEVEL	DESCRIPTIONS	MARKS
L1	E.g. I am surprised because a lot of news coverage begins with Israeli strikes on Gaza as if they were the neighbourhood bully who just decided to flex their muscles for no reason.	[1]
L2	E.g. I am surprised by the source, as there is inconsistency to what the IDF officer says about the capabilities of the IDF in ensuring civilian safety. AND/OR I am not surprised by the source because it is justifiable for IDF to defend Israel and fight against the constant rocket threats that they received from Hamas.	[2]
L3	Surprised and/or not surprised based on content. Award 3 marks for source analysis, Surprised/Not surprised, OR 5 marks for source analysis, Surprised & Not surprised. E.g. I am surprised by the source, as there is inconsistency to what the IDF officer says about the capabilities of the IDF in ensuring civilian safety. At first he said that "... before an impending strike, the IDF always warn Gaza civilians with warning leaflets, informing them through personalized phone calls and mass SMSes... We even have an advance system called "knock on the roof" as warning and if we see civilians still in an area we will abort our mission." However, later he explained that "civilian casualties are inevitable in times of war... (and the use of precision attacks to limit civilian casualties)." This surprises me because if the IDF has advance warning system and precision attacking technology as mentioned in the source, why are there still civilian casualties in Gaza. Also mentioned that they will abort mission in view of civilians in the area, why is there still civilian casualties that needed to be limit. Should there be no impending casualties? AND/OR I am not surprised by the source because it is justifiable for IDF to defend Israel and fight against the constant rocket threats that they received from Hamas. As evident from the source it states "Hamas has been firing rockets into Israeli towns for years. You cannot ask us to be quiet especially when our cities are constantly under rocket fire with many of our citizens living in danger and at worst killed." It is a nation's instinct to defend its sovereignty when it is being challenged or endangered. As such I am not surprised when the IDF decided to respond by attacking Hamas back with air raids. In fact it is noble for them to give a warning to the Gazan civilians before an impending air strike. They could if they want to, wipe out the whole of Gaza with their military force without warning.	[3-4]
L4	Surprised and/or not surprised based on content. Award 5 marks for source analysis, Surprised/Not surprised, OR 7 marks for source analysis, Surprised & Not surprised to other sources (support, explain, etc.). E.g. Surprised L3+ This contradicts with Source C which states, "Israel responded to our retaliation by bombing schools where children slept, markets where civilians gathered... Israel also targeted the health infrastructure of Gaza (hospitals, clinics, and ambulances) to ensure that Gazan civilians could not get treatment... Israel even destroyed the only power plant in Gaza leaving the few remaining hospitals and clinics inoperable." This shows that the IDF did not care about the safety of the civilians and were purposely targeting buildings that are non-military even though they knew that these buildings were used to house innocent civilians such as children, aid workers, doctors and students. This is also challenged by Source F which shows that the number of Israel air strikes outnumbered that of the Hamas which had caused over 2,047 people killed in Gaza, of which 70% are civilians. Therefore, Source D surprised me when the IDF officer tried to cover the atrocities that the IDF had done by justifying the technology and warning system that they had put in place to limit the number of casualties. But as a matter of fact, they are actually targeting innocent civilians whom they claim to have been Hamas fighter or housing Hamas military operations. AND/OR	[5-6]

	Not Surprise L3+ This is can be supported with Source B which states, " Hamas draw the IDF into a battle by refusing to cease its indiscriminate rocket fire on Israeli... The IDF would not strike targets in civilian areas if Hamas had not embedded its terrorist infrastructure there. The IDF only intentionally attack military targets." This further justify that the IDF actions on Hamas are based on the constant attacks that they received from the terrorist group. It also justify their rights to defend Israel from the threat that Hamas has posed with its rockets. Source E also supports the claim that made me not surprise by claims made in Source D. In Source E it shows statistics of Hamas rockets and the threat it could pose on Israel's population and sovereignty. It also states the intention of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Terrorist on Israel in the future, with plans to carry out further rocket attacks. As such Source D does not surprise me when it says that the IDF could not keep quiet and decide to response to Hamas rockets with air raids. In fact it is only right for the IDF to defend Israel from the atrocities posed by Hamas on Israel's population.
L5	Not Impressed based on explained, source not using source [7] E.g. I am not surprised that the interview supports the IDF actions on Hamas and blames Hamas for constantly posing threats by firing rockets into Israel. This is because the interview is done and published by the Times of Israel, which is pro-Israeli government. As such, the interview could be edited to portray the good side of the IDF so as to justify its course of actions in the war to its readers. And it could be put in the light in which the IDF is defending the nation's sovereignty and thus collect more support from the Israelis.

1	(d) Study Source E How far does Source E prove that Hamas was to be blame for the civilian atrocities during the Israel-Gaza conflict? Explain your answer [7]
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LEVEL	DESCRIPTIONS	MARKS
1	Info from source E, in your opinion, is reliable? E.g. Source E proves that Hamas was to be blame as the infographics by the IDF suggested the imminent threat posed by Hamas capabilities and intentions.	[1]
2	Answers based on quality/use of background information without source E.g. Source E cannot prove that Hamas was to be blame for the atrocities in the Israel-Gaza conflict as it is a source by the IDF therefore could be one sided/ biased. AND/OR Source E does prove that Hamas was to be blame for the civilian atrocities because from the background information it tells me that Hamas has been using rockets to launch attacks on Israel. Therefore, the response by Israel through numerous air raids on Gaza could have caused civilian lives as a consequence of Hamas initial rocket attacks.	[2]
3	Prove/Not Prove supported from external critical contextual knowledge E.g. Source E is taken from the IDF blog showing intelligence infographics of Hamas capabilities and intentions. This source could be reliable as it is on the Israel government website to educate its citizen. From the source it shows the numbers of rockets that Hamas possessed and the capabilities and damage that each type of rockets can pose on Israel. In addition, the infographics shows a key Palestinian Islamic Jihad operative who had "fired multiple rockets at Israel, personally responsible for launching 5 rockets and planned to carry out further attacks." These statistics provided by the IDF shows what Hamas is capable of doing and had done; evidently prove that Hamas was to be blamed for the atrocities it had caused in the Israel-Gaza conflict. AND/OR However, Source E could be unreliable as it is a bias view from the IDF who is anti-Hamas. Furthermore, the source has its limitations. The source does not show that Hamas has caused civilian atrocities. The infographics are just showing the potential threat that Hamas could pose to Israel with the amount of rockets they have, the amount of rockets that were fired by Ahmad Sa'ad and his plans to carry out further attacks. The infographics do not show the number of civilians Hamas had killed or the number of buildings that were destroyed by Hamas rockets. Therefore, the source cannot prove that Hamas is to be blamed for the atrocities during the Israel-Gaza conflict.	[3-4]
4	Prove/Not Prove cross-referencing to other sources/ contextual knowledge E.g. Prove L3+ When cross-referencing to Sources B it supports the claim that Hamas is to be blamed for the atrocities caused in the conflict. In Source B it states " Hamas is responsible for the destruction in civilian areas in Gaza... Hamas also brought the battle right into the heart of Gaza's civilian areas... They should know that their rockets could eventually bring counterfire." These evidences show that Hamas has brought violence and destruction to its own people by firing rockets at Israel. Similarly in Source D it states "our cities (Israel cities) are constantly under rocket fire with many of our citizens living in danger and at worst killed." This shows that Hamas has threatened and killed civilians during the conflict thus supporting the claims made in the infographics, which is pointing the blame on Hamas for the atrocities done during the conflict. AND/OR Not Prove L3+ When Cross-referencing to Sources C it challenge the claims that Hamas is to be blamed for the atrocities caused in the conflict. Instead it puts the blame on the IDF who has been reckless in their military occupation in Gaza. In Source C it states " Israel responded to our retaliation by bombing schools where children slept, markets where civilians gathered... Israel also targeted the	[5-6]

	health infrastructure of Gaza (hospitals, clinics, and ambulances) to ensure that Gazan civilians could not get treatment... Israel even destroyed the only power plant in Gaza leaving the few remaining hospitals and clinics inoperable." These evidences show that IDF are the one causing the atrocities during the conflict and not Hamas. Similarly in Source F it shows that the number of Gazans civilians killed (70% of 2014) are far more than that of the Israelis (3 civilians). Even the number of rockets used show that Israel has been dropping more rockets than Hamas. This implies that the IDF were the ones who has caused a lot of atrocities in the conflict as compared to Hamas. Thus, all these clearly show that Hamas are not the ones to be blame for the atrocities in the conflict but the IDF.
L5	Reliability: according to purpose, based on explained perspective and context. [7]
	E.g. However, Source E has a purpose, which makes it unreliable. The IDF who is anti-Hamas could have skewed the facts on the infographics to portray the bad side of Hamas so as to make the readers believe that Hamas was entirely responsible for the atrocities made in the conflict. Furthermore, the source could be published to condemn Hamas usage of rockets on Israel and show its readers of the imminent threat that Hamas is capable of doing. The source does not show that Hamas has caused civilian atrocities. The infographics are just showing the potential threat that Hamas could pose to Israel with the amount of rockets they have, the amount of rockets that were fired by Ahmed Sa'ad and his plans to carry out further attacks. The infographics do not show the number of civilians Hamas had killed or the number of buildings that were destroyed by Hamas rockets. Therefore, the source cannot prove that Hamas is to be blamed for the civilian atrocities during the Israel-Gaza conflict.

1	(e) Study Source F. How useful is Source F in telling you about the Israel-Gaza conflict? Explain your answer. [8]
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LEVEL	DESCRIPTIONS	MARKS
L1	E.g. Source F is useful because it is a UN statistics.	[1]
L2	Usefulness based on context, cross-referencing to other sources, taking into account the purpose of the source. E.g. Source F is useful in telling me about the issue on who to be blamed for the atrocities in the Israel-Gaza conflict. In Source F, the infographic actually shows the number of civilian casualties, which is 70% of 2014 people who were killed in Gaza during the conflict. This fact shows evidently that the Israel Air strikes on Gaza (which amounted to 4870-) had caused a lot of civilian casualties thus pointing the blame directly on Israel for the atrocities it had caused in the conflict.	[2-3]
L3	Usefulness based on context, cross-referencing to other sources, taking into account the purpose of the source. E.g. Source F is useful as it give different perspectives on whom to be blamed for the atrocities in the conflict. Source F is a view from a third party observer, the UN, on the conflict and has came up with figures that would make readers decide for themselves on who to be blame for the atrocities in Israel-Gaza conflict. Coming from a reliable source, the facts given could be true to say that the Israel are the ones to be blamed for the atrocities caused in the conflict.	[4]
L4	Usefulness based on context, cross-referencing to other sources, taking into account the purpose of the source. E.g. L2+ Source F is useful in telling me about whom to be blamed for the atrocities in the Israel-Gaza conflict. In Source F it shows 2014 people killed in Gaza, out of which 70% are civilians. It also shows 67 people were killed in Israel, out of which 3 were civilians. This shows that the number of civilian killed by the IDF air raids are greater than the number of civilians killed by Hamas rockets. Cross-referencing the facts to Source C, it confirms the claim that IDF is to be blamed for the atrocities done during the conflict. In Source C it states that the IDF are "bombing schools where children slept, markets where civilians gathered... Israel also targeted the health infrastructure of Gaza (hospitals, clinics, and ambulances) to ensure that Gazan civilians could not get treatment... Israel even destroyed the only power plant in Gaza leaving the few remaining hospitals and clinics inoperable" which could have caused high civilian death rates in Gaza.	[5-6]
L5	Usefulness based on purpose, with supporting evidence and based on context. Award 3 marks for illustrating well explained answer. E.g. Source F is useful in telling me of who to be blamed for the atrocities. This is because the UN wants to convince the world community that the Gazans are suffering from the course of war and condemn the ongoing IDF air raids which had caused a lot of civilian deaths in the conflict. At the same time the UN wants to world community to support and contribute to the humanitarian efforts to save the innocent civilians in Gaza. Furthermore, with the hard facts/ statistics, the source is convincing and more useful to be used as a tool to condemn the IDF actions and debunk the generalization that made Hamas the antagonists in the conflict.	[7-8]