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SECONDARY FOUR

COMBINED HUMANITIES

2204/01

Paper 1 Social Studies

Friday, 15 July 2016

1 hour 45 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklets

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and index number clearly in the spaces provided at the top of this page and on all answer booklets / writing paper used.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use correction fluid.

Section A

Answer all parts of Question 1.

Write answers to parts (a), (b) and (c) in Answer Booklet A.

Write answers to parts (d) and (e) in Answer Booklet B.

Section B

Answer one question.

Write answers in Answer Booklet C.

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

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

This document consists of 7 printed pages and 0 blank pages.

Section A (Source-based Case Study) 35 marks

Question 1 is compulsory for all candidates.

Study 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 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.

- 1 (a) Study Source A.
- Does the cartoonist support the re-employment policy in Singapore? Explain your answer, using details of the cartoon. [6]
- (b) Study Source B and C.
- How similar are these two sources? Explain your answer. [7]
- (c) Study Source D.
- Why did Prime Minister Lee make this speech? Explain your answer. [7]
- (d) Study Source E.
- How useful is Source E as evidence about the impacts of ageing population in Singapore? Explain your answer. [7]
- (e) Study Source F.
- How far does Source F prove that Singaporeans will be able to enjoy their old age? Explain your answer. [8]

How serious is the impact of ageing population in Singapore?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

Singapore is experiencing low birth rate and higher life expectancy. With a growing number of Singaporeans aged 65 and above, this will mean a smaller working population has to support the pool of elderly. In view of this trend, those working may have to pay more taxes as government anticipates that there will be greater demands for health care and eldercare services, and elder-friendly infrastructure such as barrier-free accessibility features in transport and housing. Other areas of concern include financial, emotional and social needs of the elderly. As such, Singapore government has planned for series of measures to meet the needs of Singaporeans in their old age. One of the measures which has been criticised is raising the re-employment age to 67 years old in 2017. Though the move is not welcomed by some, it is believed to be one of the ways to manage the impact of ageing population amongst other measures that aims to improve the quality of life of the elderly.

Study the following sources below to understand how serious the impact of ageing population in Singapore is.

Source A A cartoon on the retirement age of Singaporeans.



Source B An article published in The Straits Times on the annual conference on ageing population, featuring Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister in charge of ageing issue.

For the nation to age successfully, Mr Gan said that both individuals and companies must first rethink their attitudes towards work.

"Some seniors we spoke to told us that they would like to take on a mentoring or coaching role in their current companies," Mr Gan said. For employers, the challenge is to "redesign the workplace into one that is suitable for all ages", including in areas like job roles, work hours, and the work culture.

Most important, he concluded, is developing an "ageless mindset" in which growing old is not seen as something negative. "The critical determinant of whether ageing will be positive for individuals and our society is in the mindset. "We have a much higher chance of achieving successful ageing if individuals do not associate ageing with mere decline, loss of value, or worse, disability," he added.

Source C A poster on employability of older worker by the Tripartite committee on Employability of Older Workers.

"If not for Auntie Rosalind's guidance, I'd still be a fish out of water."

Syed Sobrie
Assistant Restaurant Culinary Manager,
Fish & Co.



Rosalind Soh, 60
Specialist, Salmon Filleter

Tap into a wealth of experience

With years of experience and know-how, older workers are assets to any employer. They have the relevant skills and still continue to contribute at work. Time has also brought them qualities like patience, judgement and perseverance, making them more reliable and good mentors to their colleagues. Many companies have benefited from employing older workers because they didn't allow age to be a barrier. You can be one of them.

Employ a wealth of experience today.

Source D A speech by Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore, at an international conference on reinventing retirement, 2009, published on Prime Minister Office's website.

Population ageing brings complex and multi-faceted challenges. While we should not understate these challenges, we should be mindful that living longer is not a bad thing. People are better-educated and can continue to contribute in the workforce and community for many more years. At work, older workers bring experience, stability and quiet deliberation to their workplaces. Within the family, older members are a valuable source for advice and help to bring up children. There is also potential for a "silver industry" to emerge, to service demand from the new demographic for a wide range of products, from healthcare to wealth management to golf holidays.

The impact of population ageing is long term and profound. But if we prepare our society to make the necessary adjustments, update our policies and improve our infrastructure, we can ensure that older citizens will continue to lead full and happy lives.

Source E A newspaper report on Singapore ageing population.

A rising number of elderly are seeking help on ageing, indicating that older generations are shedding the stigma traditionally attached to counselling.

"In the past, end-of-life issues are taboo but more are open to talking about it now," said Mr Wong Lit Shoon, executive director of Sage counselling centre, which sees about 300 elderly people every year, twice as many as a decade ago.

It also helps that more eldercare agencies are recognising the importance of psychological health among the elderly, an area previously neglected in favour of physical well-being.

But the elderly are also coming forward because of the increasingly complex issues they face as Singapore ages. For instance, with more of them living alone, social isolation is becoming a bigger issue.

Source F An interview with Professor Chin Jing Jih, the Chairman for the Integrative and Community Care division in Tan Tock Seng Hospital at a forum for active ageing.

What we're trying to do here — as far as we can, through biomedical innovation and technology — is to shorten the period (that people spend in a disabled state). What the sector needs are low-cost and effective solutions that are accessible to everyone.

Ultimately, you want your product to benefit more people than who you want to test it on. And ultimately, the goal is to make sure seniors can enjoy a good quality of life in their sunset years. We are having an ageing population, but that doesn't condemn us to a state of dependence. Some see it as a crisis, but I tend to think that we could see it as an opportunity. And like many challenges that Singapore faces, it's how we adapt to the situation.

Section B (Structured-Essay Questions) 15 marks

Answer one question.

2 Bonding Singapore

- (a) Explain how building national identity helps Singapore foster social cohesion. [5]
- (b) Explain two other strategies adopted by Singapore that help foster social cohesion. Which was more effective? [10]

3 How Singapore ensures its national security

- (a) Explain how having membership in international organisations is a way to ensure the national security of Singapore. [5]
- (b) Explain two other methods used to ensure the national security of Singapore. Which is more effective? [10]

4 Sustaining Economic development in a globalising world

- (a) Explain how developments in communication led to globalisation. Explain your answer. [5]
- (b) Explain two other reasons that led to globalisation. Which of them is more important? Explain your answer. [10]

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Source A: <http://sejjeiga.blogspot.sg/2010/07/no-retirement-age-in-singapore.html>

Source B: <http://www.healthxchange.com.sg/News/Pages/Approach-ageing-alter-future-singapore.aspx>

Source C: www.age-mgt.sg

Source D: <http://www.pmo.gov.sg/mediacentre/pm-re-employment-older-workers>

Source E: <http://news.asiaone.com/news/singapore/more-elderly-people-seeking-help-ageing-issues?noaging=1#sthash.sABbgD7j.dpuf>

Source F: <http://www.todayonline.com/daily-focus/science/technological-solutions-ageing-population?page=2>