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Social Studies

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1 hour 45 minutes

Additional materials:
2 Cover Sheets

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and index number on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
You may use a pencil for any rough working.
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.
Start your NEW question on a NEW sheet of writing paper.
Complete the Cover Sheets and attach accordingly.
At the end of the examination, fasten Section A and Section B SEPARATELY.
They will be collected SEPARATELY.
The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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.

1a) Study Source A.

What can you tell from this source about how Singapore manages international relations? Explain your answer.

[6]

b) Study Source B.

Are you surprised by Source B? Explain your answer.

[7]

c) Study Source C and Source D.

How similar are the sources as evidence that Singapore can stay relevant on the international stage? Explain your answer.

[7]

d) Study Source E.

How useful is this source as evidence that Singapore can stay relevant on the international stage? Explain your answer.

[8]

e) Study Source F.

What is the message of this source? Explain your answer.

[7]

How can Singapore stay relevant on the international stage?

Background Information

As a small state, Singapore has clearly been punching above its weight in the international arena. Singapore's pragmatic and pro-active foreign policies, together with wise and charismatic leaders, beginning with Mr Lee Kuan Yew, who passed away in 2015, have allowed Singapore to gain respect amongst the international community. Mr Lee Kuan Yew was unwavering in positioning Singapore to its advantage and was regarded internationally as an astute mind from whom leaders from other nation states frequently consulted. With constant shifts in the global landscape as well as Singapore's own transformation, Singapore's international relations must continue to progress and keep pace with the changes, to ensure Singapore's place on the world stage. As a small state, the need for Singapore to stay relevant is of utmost importance. Singapore's continued development, therefore begets the question, "Can Singapore stay relevant on the international stage?"

Study the following sources to understand if Singapore can continue to play a role on the international stage.

Source A: A 2012 review of, *"Diplomacy: A Singapore Experience"* written by S Jayakumar, Singapore's Foreign Minister from 1994-2004.

Jayakumar, a former UN ambassador and former foreign minister for Singapore, originally prepared this series of case studies to help train his country's young foreign service officers. The honest, meaty narratives offer insights into the strategic goals and diplomatic means of one of the world's most skilful foreign ministries. Singaporean diplomats use energy, charm, and expertise to magnify their influence in the UN and steer regional organisations in preferred directions. Singapore often stands up to bigger powers -- China, the United Kingdom, the United States -- to make sure no one takes it for granted. But Singapore takes care to manage its relations and avoid permanent damage, relying on both international law and personal relationships. Jayakumar argues that other countries' nationalist media often pose obstacles to the rational settlement of issues. Nevertheless, Singapore's diplomats seem able to defend their country's interests all over the world without inflaming opposition at home or abroad.

Source B: *From the archives of the Singapore Ministry of Defence website, 2010.*



SAF Contingent Commander in Uruzgan Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Alvin Chan awarded the Commemorative Medal for Peacekeeping Operations for their contributions towards the multinational stabilisation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan, from the Commander of Task Force Uruzgan, Brigadier-General (BG) Kees van den Heuvel, 2010.

Source C: *Extract of article from the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle website, posted on April, 2016.*

Singapore plays a central role within ASEAN and was one of five founding nations. As a region, it certainly represents one of the world's most important markets for U.S. exports. In 2013 alone, the U.S. exported \$79 billion to ASEAN, supporting over 280,000 American jobs.

Singapore has invested significant resources in developing neighboring ASEAN nations, with four separate donations totaling \$170 million to the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI), which serves to promote integration within the region and enhance ASEAN's competitiveness as a region within trade and investment.

Singapore has made it clear that it still hopes to do more and its leaders see a distinct role for the nation within ASEAN. In 2012, Foreign Affairs Minister K Shanmugam noted: "As it gets more and more integrated, we need a place in ASEAN that's going to be the services center — provide logistics, administrative, accounting... And there's one place which can do that — obviously, Singapore."

Source D: *From Channel News Asia, 2015.*



Xi shaking hands with Ma in Singapore at 3pm on 7th Dec 2015, spanning 66 years in history.

SINGAPORE: Singapore is happy to facilitate a meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

"Singapore was requested by both sides to help facilitate the meeting between the top leaders from the two sides of the Taiwan Strait," said an MFA spokesperson on Wednesday, in response to media queries. "This is a milestone in the history of cross-strait relations since 1949. As a close and longstanding friend of both Mainland China and Taiwan, we are happy to facilitate and be the venue for their direct dialogue."

Source E: *Excerpts from a tribute to Mr Lee Kuan Yew by the former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Bilahari Kausikan, published in The Straits Times, 27 Mar 2015.*

He is often described as a global statesman, and so he was. His laser-like focus - his "universe" if you like - was always Singapore. He operated on a global stage, but only for Singapore. He won many friends and was personally greatly admired around the world. But this was always deployed for Singapore. Small countries cannot afford illusions. Mr Lee never mistook the necessary politesse and hypocrisies of statecraft and diplomacy for reality.

My generation of MFA officers have tried to pass on what we learnt to a younger generation of Foreign Service officers. But this is possibly the hardest lesson to impart. The Singapore that you see around us today and which many young Singaporeans take for granted is a totally unnatural place. Singapore will be preserved only if the next generation shares that passion from which flows the determination to overcome challenges that cannot now be foreseen. Mr Lee is gone.

Source F: *Excerpts from Mr Lee Hsien Loong's speech on Singapore's external relations at the 8th S Rajaratnam Lecture on 27 November 2015.*

... diplomacy has to be backed by something more than words. Singapore takes words very seriously. We weigh every word in the statements we issue. We honour every agreement that we enter into, and we expect the same of others...but ultimately, words have to be carried out and realised in actions and outcomes. Therefore, it is important for us to have a strong defence, to be able to protect Singapore when all else fails.

Singapore has been a successful country, but we must never let that go to our heads. We solve our own problems, we try to be good neighbours and friends – relevant to others but modest and understanding our place in the world.

... to be successful, we have to be one united people – united politically and also united as a cohesive, multi-racial society, to maintain a clear direction and a clear understanding of our national interests. If we can do that, it can compensate for our lack of heft; it can give confidence to others that we will be reliable partners.

Acknowledgement:

- Source A <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/reviews/capsule-review/diplomacy-singapore-experience>
- Source B <https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/co15216-challenging-times-in-singapore-indonesia-relations/#.V1UGC3I01oI>
- Source C <http://www.seattletradealliance.com/blog/blog/post/singapores-economy-and-its-role-in-asean>
- Source D <http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/specialreports/rememberingleekuan-yew/features/a-look-back-at-mr-lee/1734806.html>
- Source E <http://ifonlysingaporeans.blogspot.sg/2015/03/the-lee-kuan-yew-i-remember.html>
- Source F <http://www.pmo.gov.sg/mediacentre/pm-lee-hsien-loong-8th-s-rajaratnam-lecture-27-november-2015>

Section B (Structured-Essay Questions)

Answer one question.

2. Healthcare in Singapore

- (a) Explain the government's role in the provision of healthcare for Singapore. [5]
- (b) Explain two other parties involved in the provision of healthcare for Singaporeans as healthcare cost constantly rises. Which is the more important party? Explain your answer. [10]

3. Bonding Singapore

- (a) Explain schools as an example of a common space for interaction. [5]
- (b) Explain two other examples of common spaces which encourage interaction amongst Singaporeans to build a harmonious multi-racial society. Which is the more effective way? Explain your answer. [10]

4. The Fall of Venice

- (a) Explain the complacency of Venetian society that led to its fall. [5]
- (b) Explain two other reasons for the fall of Venice in a changing landscape. Which was the more significant factor? Explain your answer. [10]

End of Paper

Suggested Answers

SECTION A

Prelim Sec 4 / 2016

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a) Study Source A

What can you tell from this source about how Singapore manages international relations? [6]

level	comments	mark
1	Answer based on provenance, unexplained Or Explain lifted content.	1
2	One inference, unsupported.	2
3	Two inferences, unsupported.	3
4	Infers on the content, supported. <i>Award 4 when only one inference is given and supported very clearly. Award 5 when two inferences are given but only one is supported very clearly. Award 6 only when 2 inferences are given and both are very clearly explained and supported.</i> Eg. Singapore works strategically and conscientiously to gain respect as a nation amongst the international community. This is seen with, "Singapore often stands up to bigger powers -- China, the United Kingdom, the United States -- to make sure no one takes it for granted" This infers that, even though a small state, Singapore carries out diplomacy and policies that gain her respect to the extent that even bigger states cannot ignore her or bully her. Prudent, tactful diplomacy with the international community is how Singapore manages international relations. This is supported by, "Jayakumar, a former UN ambassador and former foreign minister for Singapore, originally prepared this series of case studies to help train his country's young foreign service officers." Clearly, Singapore representatives were trained and groomed to position Singapore well, amongst the international community.	4-6

b) Study Source B

Are you surprised by Source B? Explain your answer.

[7]

level	comments	mark
1	Statement of surprise or not surprise, unsupported. Eg. I am not surprised by Source B. OR I am surprised by Source B.	1
2	Surprise OR Not Surprise, explained. Eg. I am surprise that Singapore Armed Forces personnel are sent to as far away and dangerous countries as Afghanistan, to act as peace keeping forces. OR I am not surprise as sending SAF to contribute towards the multinational stabilisation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan will enhance Singapore's international position.	2
3	Surprise AND Not Surprise, explained. <i>Award 4 only when both sides are well explained.</i> Eg. I am surprise that Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) personnel are sent to as far away and dangerous countries as Afghanistan, to act as peace keeping forces. Source B shows an attractive picture where SAF Contingent Commander in Uruzgan Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Alvin Chan is awarded the Commemorative Medal for Peacekeeping Operations for his contribution towards the multinational stabilisation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan, from the Commander of Task Force Uruzgan, Brigadier-General (BG) Kees van den Heuvel. This picture was posted on the Mindef website to praise the efforts and good work of Singapore's military men. As the website is available for the public, it will allow the public to find out about the praiseworthy efforts and how involved the SAF is in helping peacekeeping efforts, even in faraway countries. AND I am not surprise as sending SAF to contribute towards the multinational stabilisation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan will enhance Singapore's international position. As seen from Source B, SAF personnel	3-4

	are highly regarded for their great contributions. Source B shows a picture of SAF Contingent Commander in Uruzgan Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Alvin Chan awarded the Commemorative Medal for Peacekeeping Operations for their contributions towards the multinational stabilisation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan, from the Commander of Task Force Uruzgan, Brigadier-General (BG) Kees van den Heuvelgain. This is clearly an international effort and Singapore's efficient and effective personnel, working with other country's military will gain Singapore much praise and respect from other nations, enhancing Singapore's position.	
4	Not surprised supported by cross reference. <i>Award 6 only when Source B is clearly explained and cross reference support links well to question.</i> Eg. I am not surprised by Source B, as sending SAF to contribute towards the multinational stabilisation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan will enhance Singapore's international position. From Source B, SAF personnel are highly regarded for their great contributions. Source B shows a picture of SAF Contingent Commander in Uruzgan Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Alvin Chan awarded the Commemorative Medal for Peacekeeping Operations for their contributions towards the multinational stabilisation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan, from the Commander of Task Force Uruzgan, Brigadier-General (BG) Kees van den Heuvelgain. This is clearly an international effort and Singapore's efficient and effective personnel, working with other country's military will gain Singapore much praise and respect from other nations, enhancing Singapore's position. This can be supported by Source F, where Mr Lee Hsien Loong spoke on Singapore's external relations at the 8th S Rajaratnam Lecture, "Therefore, it is important for us to have a strong defence, to be able to protect Singapore when all else fails. ... we try to be good neighbours and friends – relevant to others ..." show that Singapore is well aware she must play a useful role by helping out in international issues and individual nations.	5-6
5	Not surprised supported by cross reference that is clearly linked to the overarching question of 'stay relevant on the international stage'. Eg. I am not surprised by Source B, as sending SAF to contribute towards the multinational stabilisation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan will enhance Singapore's international position. As seen from Source B, SAF personnel are highly regarded for their great contributions. Source B	7

	shows a picture of SAF Contingent Commander in Uruzgan Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Alvin Chan awarded the Commemorative Medal for Peacekeeping Operations for their contributions towards the multinational stabilisation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan, from the Commander of Task Force Uruzgan, Brigadier-General (BG) Kees van den Heuvegain. This is clearly an international effort and Singapore's efficient and effective personnel, working with other country's military will gain Singapore much praise and respect from other nations, enhancing Singapore's position. This can be supported by Source F, where Mr Lee Hsien Loong spoke on Singapore's external relations at the 8th S Rajaratnam Lecture, "Therefore, it is important for us to have a strong defence, to be able to protect Singapore when all else fails. ... we try to be good neighbours and friends – relevant to others ..." shows that Singapore is well aware she must play a useful role by helping out in international issues as well as individual countries, so that other nations will recognize and respect her as a valued fellow member of the world community. By doing this Singapore can stay relevant on the international stage as she is able to contribute effectively with military peace keepers.	
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c) Study Source C and Source D

How similar are the sources as evidence that Singapore can stay relevant on the international stage? Explain your answer. [7]

level	comments	mark
1	Comparison based on provenance, not linked to question. Eg. They differ as Source C is from an American website, Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle and Source D is from Channel News Asia.	1
2	Similarity / difference based on content with no point of comparison.	2
3	Similarity / difference based on content, with point of comparison but unsupported. Eg. The sources differ as to the role Singapore plays on the international stage in order to stay relevant. The sources are similar in showing Singapore's active involvement in	3

	international affairs in order to stay relevant.	
4	Similarity OR / AND difference of content, with point of comparison, supported. <i>Award 5 when explanation is clear and well supported.</i> Eg. The sources differ as to the role Singapore plays on the international stage in order to stay relevant. Source C captures Singapore being a critical member of ASEAN. Moving from being an original member state, Singapore hopes to further facilitate the integration of ASEAN effectively such that business partners like USA and other countries can trade with ASEAN smoothly and effectively. Source D, shows Singapore as the facilitator for the historic meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou. The sources are similar in showing Singapore's active involvement in international affairs, in order to stay relevant. Source C demonstrates Singapore's contributions to an increasingly significant regional organization, ASEAN, which will give ASEAN more impact on the world. Source D demonstrates the respect and trust countries like China and Taiwan has for Singapore to choose Singapore to facilitate their historic meeting.	4-5
5	Difference of purpose, supported. <i>Award 7 only when explanation is clear with target audience and outcome for both sources.</i> Eg. The sources differ as to their purpose, as evidence that Singapore can stay relevant on the international stage. Source C is from an extract of article from the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle website, posted on April, 2016. Its intention is to educate the business community of mainly the USA as to organisations that are significant and helpful for investments in ASEAN. Information on Singapore's critical role reads, "Singapore has made it clear that it still hopes to do more and its leaders see a distinct role for the nation within ASEAN." This information on the website will encourage business leaders interested to invest or have business ties with ASEAN to connect with Singapore, the springboard to ASEAN. Thus Singapore continues to stay relevant as it acts as a bridge between US businesses and ASEAN businesses. Source D on the other hand serves the purpose of sharing significant news events of the day. The source is from Channel News Asia, a	6-7

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does Singapore's image

	reputable news channel. "Singapore is happy to facilitate a meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said." The general public has access to the webpage and will be informed of this historic meeting and realize that Singapore is still relevant and can play a significant role in international relations, in this case facilitating the meeting of two historic enemies. Source D, from Channel News Asia, will be seen as a reliable and up-to-date source of current events as it highlights Singapore's significance to historical international events.	
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d) Study Source E

How useful is this source as evidence that Singapore can stay relevant on the international stage? Explain your answer. [8]

level	comments	mark
1	Answer based on provenance, unexplained. Eg. Useful as the source is by the former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Bilahari Kausikan.	1
2	Useful Or Not useful based on content. <i>Award 3 when there is clarity, supported.</i>	2
3	Useful or not useful based on reliability of provenance. Award 4 based on reliability with content to support. Eg. The source is useful about Singapore's ability to continue to play a role on the international stage as it comes from a reliable source. The former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Bilahari Kausikan, having the experience and credibility would give useful insights about Singapore's ability to continue to play a role on the international stage. 4marks Eg. The source is useful about Singapore's ability to continue to play a role on the international stage as it comes from a reliable source. The former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Bilahari	3-4

	Kausikan, having the experience and credibility would give useful insights about Singapore's ability to continue to play a role on the international stage. He writes, "Mr Lee never mistook the necessary politesse and hypocrisies of statecraft and diplomacy for reality. My generation of MFA officers have tried to pass on what we learnt to a younger generation of Foreign Service officers. But this is possibly the hardest lesson to impart..." inferring that there will be obstacles and difficulties imparting insights about Singapore's position in the world to the younger generation which can be an obstacle to Singapore's ability to continue to play a role on the international stage. Mr Kausikan's opinion is based on his years of experience and having held the position as former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he had the opportunity to deal with diplomats from around the world as well as young and old Singapore diplomats first hand, making this source very useful.	... personal experience of the speaker.
4	Useful and Not useful based on content. Award 5 when there is clarity, supported for both sides. Eg. This source is useful as evidence about Singapore's ability to continue to play a role on the international stage as it highlights the efforts that the older generation of MFA officers are trying to train and pass on important insights to a younger generation of Foreign Service officers. Knowing it is an uphill task only gives more impetus that the younger generation will be well prepared and enable Singapore to continue to play a role on the international stage. This source is not useful as evidence about Singapore's ability to continue to play a role on the international stage as it suggests that the demise of Mr Lee Kuan Yew, will have a negative impact on Singapore's ability and determination to overcome challenges. Source D states, "But this is possibly the hardest lesson to impart. The Singapore that you see around us today and which many young Singaporeans take for granted is a totally unnatural place," suggesting the younger generation will not have what it takes, after Mr Lee is gone.	4-5 Mr Lee laid foundation for Singapore
5	Useful or not useful based on cross reference, well supported. ... not useful → Background info.	5-6
6	Useful based on the purpose of the source. Award 8 only when target audience and outcome is clearly explained. Eg.	7-8

	The source is useful as evidence about Singapore's ability to continue to play a role on the international stage as the purpose of the tribute to Mr Lee Kuan Yew by the former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Bilahari Kausikan, was meant to alert / to caution the world and Singaporeans especially, as to the hard realities of <u>Singapore, a small state's position in international relations.</u> "Mr Lee never mistook the necessary politesse and hypocrisies of statecraft and diplomacy for reality... The Singapore that you see around us today and which many young Singaporeans take for granted is a totally unnatural place. Singapore will be preserved only if the next generation shares that passion from which flows the determination to overcome challenges that cannot now be foreseen ." Mr Kausikan expresses his fears for Singapore and urges Singaporeans and the next generation of foreign service men to wise-up, be realistic when going about managing international relations for Singapore or face challenges or situations where Singapore's future and respected position amongst the world community can be compromised.	
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e) Study Source F

What is the message of this source? Explain your answer.

[7]

level	comments	mark
1	Lifts source content.	1
2	Infers on content, unsupported. <i>Award 3 when 2 inferences are given.</i>	2-3
3	Infers on content, supported. <i>Award 5 when 2 inference s are given and well supported.</i> Eg. Singapore needs her people to understand the <u>limitations</u> Singapore faces and the <u>extra effort</u> that the whole country has to put in to have successful foreign relations. The speech states, "... to be successful, we have to be one united people ... If we can do that, it can compensate for our lack of heft; it can give confidence to others that we will be reliable partners." Singaporeans must work to present a stable united front so that Singapore will be regarded as capable and credible partner by other states.	4-5

	Singapore's successful foreign relations <u>did not come by change and luck but through very hard work based on realistic and practical strategies.</u> The speech states, "We honour every agreement that we enter into, and we expect the same of others...but ultimately, words have to be carried out and realised in actions and outcomes. Therefore, it is important for us to have a strong defence..." This shows that Singapore's foreign relations are based on the right of law as well as pragmatic and prudent calculation of the need for a strong defence force.	
4	Explains purpose of the source with clear inferences of content.	6
5	Explains purpose of the source with clear inferences of content and target audience outcome. Eg. Mr Lee Hsien Loong's speech on Singapore's external relations at the 8th S Rajaratnam Lecture was to garner the support of <u>Singaporeans</u> by explaining how Singapore can <u>overcome her limitations</u> as a small state through prudent, pragmatic and honourable policies that can help Singapore continue to grow, prosper and be respected amongst the world community. "diplomacy has to be backed by something more than words... Therefore, it is important for us to have a strong defence, to be able to protect Singapore when all else fails. ... to be successful, we have to be one united people. If we can do that, it can compensate for our lack of heft; it can give confidence to others that we will be reliable partners." These insights will allow <u>Singaporeans to understand</u> our vulnerabilities and what the government can do <u>with the help of the people</u> to sustain peaceful relations with other states as well as be a valued member of the international community to remain relevant in this changing world. Clearly Singaporeans are made to realize they have a part to play in our multi-racial society and Mr Lee is reminding Singaporeans to do their part and be supportive of government policies.	7

