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LEVEL : Secondary 2 Express

DATE : 13 May 2019

CLASS(ES) : Secondary 2/1 & 2/2

DURATION : 1 hour 10 minutes

Additional Materials provided: 4 sheets of writing paper

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Write your name, index number and class at the top of this page.

Write your name and index number clearly on the top of every paper used.

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

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

At the end of the examination, secure your writing paper with the string provided and submit the answer script and question paper separately.

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

SECTION A (15 marks)

Answer **all parts** of Question 1.

SECTION B (20 marks)

Answer **all parts** of Question 2 and Question 3.

For Examiner's use:

Section A	/ 15
Section B	/ 20
TOTAL	/ 35

Section A: Source-Based Question

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

Study the sources carefully, and then answer **all parts** of Question 1.

For each question part, you should use the source(s) highlighted to help you answer the question. In answering the questions, you should also use your knowledge of the topic to help you understand the sources.

1 (a) Study Source A.

What can you infer from the brochure about the merger? Explain your answer, using details from the source. [5]

(b) Study Source B.

Why was this speech published? Explain your answer. [5]

(c) Study Source C.

Why did Lim Chin Siong make this speech? Explain your answer. [5]

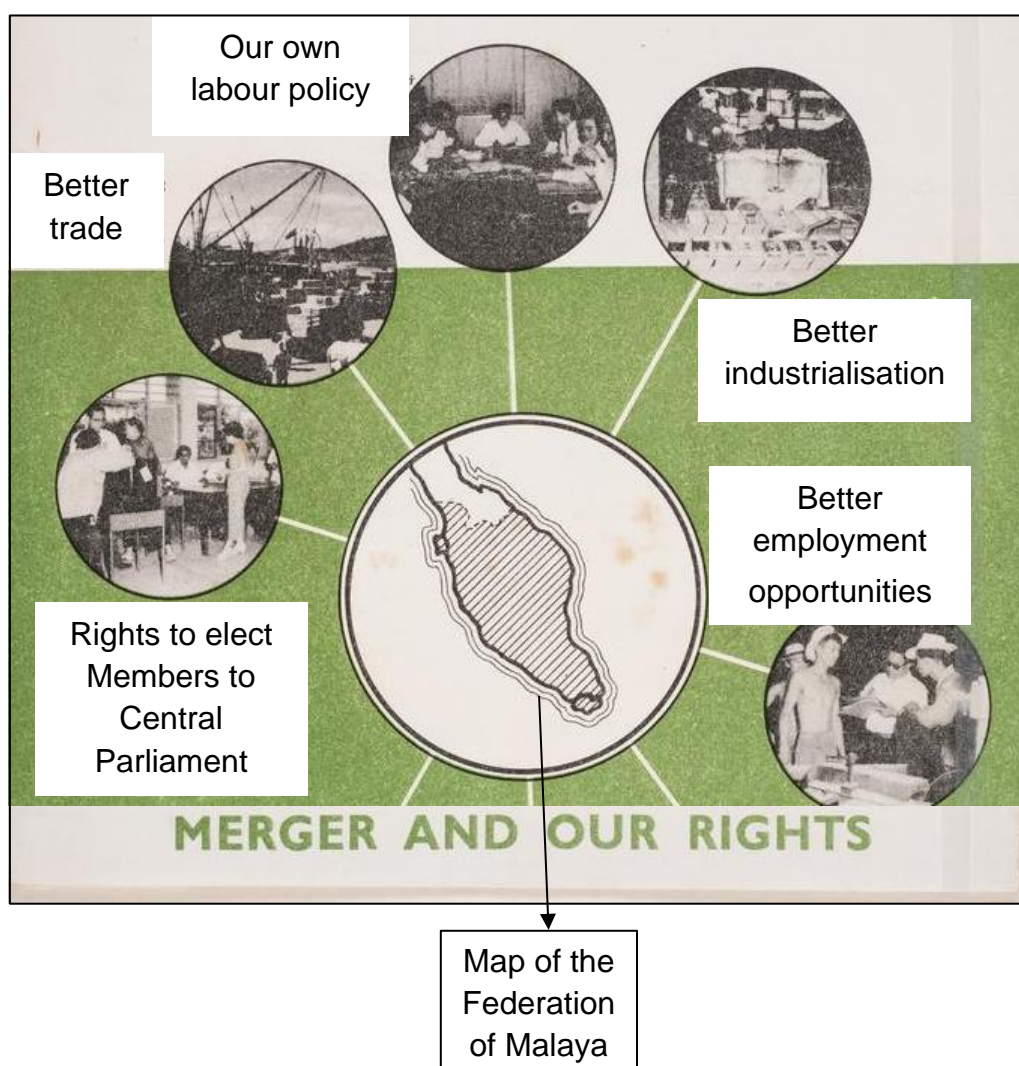
Why did Singapore merge with Malaya in 1963?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

After World War II, the British returned to Malaya and Singapore and ruled the two territories separately. By 1957, Malaya had achieved independence from the British. Singapore was also seeking to achieve independence through merger with Malaya. A referendum for the merger was held on 1 September 1962 presenting options for Singaporeans to vote on the decision for merger. On 16 September 1963, Singapore merged with the Federation of Malaya, Sarawak and North Borneo (present-day Sabah) to form the Federation of Malaysia.

Source A: *A brochure published by Singapore's Ministry of Culture in 1961 that lists the impact of the merger on the people in Singapore.*



Source B: *A speech given by then-Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Toh Chin Chye, at the opening of an exhibition on Malaysia at the Victoria Memorial Hall in January 1962.*

It is most appropriate to have this exhibition. The ties between the peoples of the five territories of Singapore, Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak and North Borneo have endured throughout the years. When Malaysia is created, these ties will be unbreakable. The exhibition will depict the way of life and culture of the people of Malaysia, the trade and commerce of Malaysia and illustrate similar traits between the five territories, upon which Malaysia will be founded.

Source C: *A speech by Lim Chin Siong, leader of the Barisan Socialis Party, on 17 September 1961.*

What PAP wants is not genuine merger. Would anyone with dignity be willing to become a second-class citizen? If the people of Malaya are going to interfere in the affairs of Singapore, and to have influence over our people, but the people of Singapore cannot interfere in Malaya, then what kind of merger is that? The merger proposed by the PAP will not bring about national unity, but it will instead lead to disastrous consequences. Singapore already has its fair share of problems with its declining economy, so why should we have to worry about this now?

Section B: Structured Questions

Questions 2 and 3 are **compulsory** for all candidates.

Read Questions 2 and 3 carefully, then answer **all parts** of the questions.

2 This question is on the Japanese Occupation of Singapore.

- (a) Describe three views that people had of Singapore before the Japanese Occupation. [3]
- (b) Explain the difficulties faced by the people in their daily lives during the Japanese Occupation. [7]

3 This question is on the aspirations people had for Singapore after 1945.

- (a) Describe the aims of the three political parties in Singapore from 1945 to 1959. [3]
- (b) Explain the developments that caused constitutional changes in Singapore after World War II. [7]

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