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## END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2024 Secondary 3

### HUMANITIES (Social Studies) Paper 1

Friday  
16 August 2024

**2260/2261/2262/01**  
1 hour 45 minutes

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#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.  
Write your class, 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 highlighters, paper clips, glue or correction fluid on your answers.  
Answers for Section A and B will be collected **SEPARATELY**.

#### Section A

Answer **all** questions.

#### Section B

Answer **both** questions.

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

**SECTION A (Source-Based Case Study)**

Answer **all** questions.

**Living in a Diverse Society**

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 which you are told to use. In answering the questions, you should use your knowledge of the issue to help you interpret and evaluate the sources.

**1 Study Source A.**

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

[6  
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**2 Study Source B.**

Why do you think this poster was published? Explain your answer.

[7  
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**3 Study Sources C and D.**

How similar are these two sources? Explain your answer.

[7  
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**4 Study Source E.**

How reliable is this source in telling me that Singapore embraces diversity?  
Explain your answer.

[7  
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**5 'Only the government should be responsible for encouraging inclusivity in Singapore.'**

Using the sources in the case study, explain how far you would agree with this statement.

[8  
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## How inclusive is Singapore?

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

Inclusivity has been an important buzzword in Singapore for the past two decades. The Singapore story has always been about enabling every citizen to develop their potential to the fullest, and ensuring everyone can see progress in their lives.

Through the 'Forward Singapore' conversations which took place during the COVID-19 pandemic, 16,900 Singaporeans from different backgrounds and experiences shared their views on how they envision Singapore's society to be one that has opportunities for all, no matter where they start off and where everyone can chart their own path to live a fulfilling and dignified life. The pandemic has shed light on the need to do more and protect vulnerable groups such as the seniors in our increasingly ageing population, our migrant workers and persons with disabilities and special needs.

Study the following sources to find out whether Singapore is doing enough to include and support these vulnerable groups.

**Source A:** *An article published on Today Online news, written by Cassandra Chiu, a blind psychotherapist and an advocate for persons with disabilities, 26 July 2023.*

Last year, I had to shop for a new office for my counselling practice as the building had been sold. After months of searching, I found a suitable unit. As I was about to put in a deposit, they told me that I would not be able to rent it unless I came to work every day without my seeing-eye dog, as the building did not allow it.

A kind friend assisted me and approached members of the building's board to appeal for their understanding. They came back to say that "the reason for disallowing animals in the premises is health-related and not discriminatory. We do have commitments to guests who may have health allergies to animals". Even after explaining that seeing-eye dogs maintain a strict health protocol, and providing the relevant supportive legislation proving that seeing-eye dogs are permitted in public places, I was still turned down.

**Source B:** A poster published on the SingHealth\* events webpage publicising a free Zumba class in 2023.



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\*Singapore's healthcare institutions in Singapore comprise the public and community hospitals, national speciality centres and polyclinics.

**Source C:** *An article published in Today Online, a local news company on 10 April 2023.*

To promote inclusivity, the government has set up partnerships between special needs schools and general education schools to promote intermingling between children. Bukit Merah Secondary School and APSN Tanglin School took part in Play Inclusive, a sports competition organised by Special Olympics Singapore and SportCares, where athletes with intellectual disabilities team up with those without to participate in sports. A year later, both schools participated in similar activities for dance and sailing. Additionally, teachers from both schools also met to share their own experiences teaching children with special needs.

Within mainstream schools, teachers are undergoing training to have a basic understanding of supporting students with special needs. Allied educators providing learning and behavioural support were also renamed Special Educational Needs (SEN) officers last year. The move was significant as it signaled a recognition that there is a need for dedicated officers to serve children with special needs.

**Source D:** *A media release about Gardens by the Bay's upcoming initiatives, published on the Gardens by the Bay website on 22 February 2024.*

Starting from April, the Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay (GBTB) will open an hour earlier on the last Saturday of every other month, to accommodate the needs of visitors with autism. During this hour, music and announcements will be muted. Partnering with the Autism Resource Centre, GBTB has hired special needs individuals as horticultural assistants\* after a period of training.

GBTB has also worked with the Ministry of Social and Family Development to develop a 1,500 sq m playground for children, including those with disabilities. The new playground is expected to be completed at the end of 2024.

From October, people with visual impairment can expect to enjoy sensory trails in Flower Dome and the outdoor gardens, developed together with the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped. Conducted by trained GBTB volunteers, participants can experience nature using other senses and discover plants with interesting textures, shapes, sizes, and scents.

*\* Horticultural assistants assist in the care of flora and maintenance of plant collections within attractions sites.*

**Source E:** *An article published on Foreign Policy, an American news publication, on 6 May, 2020. It was written by a Singaporean freelance journalist and activist on politics, human rights, and social justice.*

To handle the spread of Covid-19 community cases, Singapore is now in the middle of a partial lockdown also known as the “circuit breaker”. During this period, classes have shifted online, non-essential workplaces are shut, and anyone found breaching social distancing measures can be fined.

For the purpose-built and factory-converted dormitories that house 323,000 migrant men, much harsher measures have been imposed—and here the government does use the word “lockdown.” More than 20 dormitories have been listed under the Infectious Diseases Act as “isolation areas.” Thousands of migrant workers have been confined into rooms of varying standards; while some say they’re bored but otherwise doing all right, others have told me that their rooms are unbearably hot and stuffy. Workers fasting for Ramadan have also reported issues with the quantity and quality of the catered food that they must now eat in their rooms.

## SECTION B (Structured-Response Questions)

Answer **both** questions.

### Exploring Citizenship and Governance

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

#### Extract 1



At The Salvation Army's Praisehaven centre, a non-profit charity, housewife Lila Chua, 59, dropped off several black garbage bags stuffed with old unwanted clothes, saying she chose to donate to the charity as it helps the poor. Electrical engineer Albert Chua, 48, also left at the donation booth a large luggage bag filled with clothes he said he had no need for and wanted to give away.

#### Extract 2

The Singaporean government devotes significant resources to improving the well-being of its citizens. In their daily lives, citizens enjoy benefits from the provision of goods and services for the public.

#### Extract 3

The Singapore government ensures that the people obey laws and behave in an organised and peaceful way by looking into safety and security, as well as upholding justice.

- 6** Extract 1 depicts how Singaporeans are donating large amounts of clothing to a non-profit charity.

In your opinion, how can Singaporeans help to reduce the amount of waste from clothing? Explain your answer with reference to **two** strategies. [7]

- 7** Extracts 2 and 3 highlight the Singapore's government role in working for the good of society.

Do you think the government's role in ensuring the economic and social well-being of citizens is more important than maintaining law and order in working for the good of society? Explain your answer. [8]

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