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4 sheets of writing paper

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, class and register number in the spaces provided above, and on all the work you hand in.

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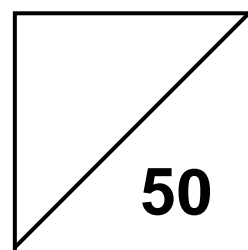
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, and glue or correction fluid.

Section A [35 marks]

Answer all questions on the writing papers.

Section B [15 marks]

Answer all questions on the writing papers.



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

This question paper consists of 6 printed pages including the cover page.

SECTION A (Source-Based Case Study)

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

1 Citizenship and Governance

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.

(a) Study Source A.

Why do you think the cartoonist drew the cartoon? Explain your answer. [5]

(b) Study Source B.

How truthful is Source B in allowing us to understand the common man's sentiments about the cost of living in Singapore. Explain your answer. [6]

(c) Study Source C.

Are you surprised by the 27 year-old's view on life in Singapore? Explain your answer. [7]

(d) Study Sources D and E.

How far does Source E prove that D is right? Explain your answer. [7]

(e) 'Happiness is derived from the current atmosphere in Singapore.'

Using the sources in this case study, explain how far you would agree with this statement. [10]

Is Singapore a liveable country?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

A liveable city is defined as one that achieves a competitive economy to attract investments and provide jobs, a sustainable environment to survive with limited natural resources and a high quality of life, including the social and psychological well-being of the population. There are several aspects that one has to take into consideration. Healthcare expenses, housing cost and cost of living are a few of them. There has been divided consensus over this topic and the budget that was released earlier in the year 2018. A sizable population has criticized that the cost of living in Singapore has been increasing.

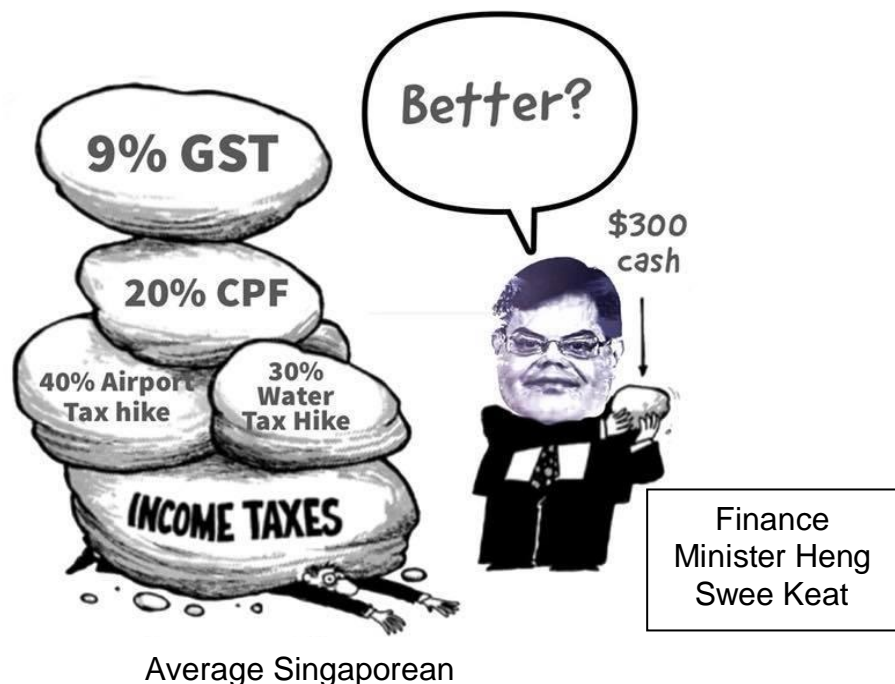
Study the following sources to find out whether Singapore is a liveable country.

Source A: *A cartoon published on the Facebook account of All Singapore Stuff on March 4, 2018. All Singapore Stuff is a website that provides alternative views of the Government.*

The PAP* wants you to
think it's very generous...

...when it's actually squeezing
every drop from you.

Wake up before it's too late.



[*PAP: People's Action Party, the party that forms the majority of the Singapore Government.]

Source B: *An excerpt of Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat's comments to reporters on February 21, 2018 held at Mediacorp.*

Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat said that Singaporeans need to understand that the tax hike is necessary and being done for a very important purpose. It is to finance the country's growing expenditure needs. When asked how he would alleviate the worries felt by the man on the street about the high cost of living, Mr. Heng said: "I've tried to explain on how expenditure in healthcare, security and infrastructure is increasing. We'll have to find new sources of revenue. I feel very grateful that our forefathers have left a pool of reserve savings with us. As our economy grows, I hope that our reserves will also grow together with the economy and in that way, our younger people can have the same assurance that we inherited from our forefathers."

Source C: *An excerpt from an online blog titled 'Sharing Ideas for a Better Life and Singapore' by a 27-year-old author.*

The cost of living in Singapore is comparable to some of the most expensive cities around the world. Whether you're a young graduate who just entered the workforce, or a young couple who just moved into your new home, you may wonder often how much you can expect to be spending each month. I came up with this list on how much a young adult would spend monthly. Those who are married and living in their own house would spend around \$2,055 per month. This excludes categories like fitness, travel, obligations and personal grooming. I've done my best to give the most realistic picture possible via observations of my peers. At the end of the day, everyone's life is different.

Source D: *An excerpt of an article on The Online Citizen, July 2019. The Online Citizen is Singapore's longest-running independent online media platform.*

The CPF Board has rejected a 47-year-old man's request to allow his CPF savings in his Ordinary and Special accounts to be transferred to his wife's Medisave* account. This is so the couple can use the money to pay for her medical expenses that had occurred as his wife was diagnosed with cancer in 2016.

He noted that he ran out of cash to pay for his bills, resulting in his house's electricity being cut off on a few occasions. "It's very tough. But I don't mind this toughness. I just want her to live until the age of 79, until she sees her grandchildren. And I don't mind if God takes my life and give it to her. That is what I always pray," he said in sadness.

*[*Medisave: MediSave is a national medical savings scheme which helps CPF members put aside part of their income into their MediSave Accounts to meet their future personal or approved dependant's hospitalisation, day surgery and certain outpatient expenses.]*

Source E: *Excerpt from the Speech by Mr Edwin Tong, Senior Minister Of State for Health on MediSave withdrawal limits, 6 March 2019.*

MediSave withdrawal limits are set to be sufficient for the vast majority of expenses after government subsidies.

It takes into account the different charges and different complexity of surgical procedures. We also allow exceptions, taking into account factors such as the need for more complex treatments, sometimes unforeseen circumstances or complications, and also financial difficulties which may make it hard for the family to pay the outstanding bill.

SECTION B (Structured Response Questions)

Question 2 is **compulsory** for all candidates.

2 BEING PART OF A GLOBALISED WORLD

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

Extract 1

In the latest Singapore Terrorism Threat Assessment Report, 22 self-radicalised Singaporeans were arrested under the Internal Security Act (ISA) from 2015-2018. In contrast, only 11 self-radicalised Singaporeans were detained from 2007 to 2014. The detainees included 17-year-old youths and a 62-year-old woman, who were influenced by extremist propaganda to draw more people to their cause, participate in armed violence overseas or conduct attacks in Singapore.

Extract 2

Singapore has taken active steps in tackling the problem of transnational terrorism. The Internal Security Act is one law that the government has implemented to allow it to react swiftly to terrorism threats in Singapore.

Extract 3

After a terror attack, societies may be severely paralysed, such as tensions arising among the different racial and religious groups. Singapore can manage this by taking active steps to restore stability to our society.

- (a) Extract 1 is about the rise of self-radicalised individuals in Singapore.

In your opinion, how can Singapore reduce this growing trend of individuals from becoming self-radicalised? Explain your answer using **two** ways. [7]

- (b) Extracts 2 and 3 are about how Singapore takes protective and responsive measures to manage transnational terrorism.

Do you think protective measures are more important than responsive measures in helping to manage the threat of transnational terrorism in Singapore? Explain your answer. [8]

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Source acknowledgements:

Source A: <https://www.facebook.com/allsgstuff/posts/can-300-tide-you-through-life/2615694835237896/>

Source B: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/specialreports/budget2018/gst-hike-for-important-purpose-heng-swee-keat-budget-forum-9978148>

Source C: <http://www.jeraldinephneah.com/cost-of-living-in-singapore/>

Source D: <https://www.theonlinecitizen.com/2019/07/08/cpf-board-denies-husbands-request-to-use-his-cpf-savings-from-his-ordinary-and-special-accounts-for-his-wifes-medical-treatment/>

Source E: <https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/speech-by-mr-edwin-tong-senior-minister-of-state-for-health-at-the-ministry-of-health-committee-of-supply-debate-2019-on-wednesday-6-march-2019>

Extract 1: Singapore Terrorism Threat Assessment Report 2019 published on 22 Jan 20109.

Extract 2: Singapore Terrorism Threat Assessment Report 2019 published on 22 Jan 20109

Extract 3: <https://www.sgsecure.sg/be-prepared>

LORMS

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(a) Study Source A.

Why do you think the cartoonist drew the cartoon? Explain your answer. [5]

Lvl	Descriptors	Mark
	Misread	0
L1	Answers that are very descriptive in nature	1-2
L2	Answers based on a narrow focus as a msg (PAP centric) <i>Award the higher mark for explanation that focus on the impact on people.</i> <i>Award L2/3 for students who phrased the reason as an outcome.</i>	2-3
L3	Answers based on a broader msg (policy based/ Government based) <i>Award the higher mark for explanation that focus on the impact on people.</i>	3-4
L4	Answers based on the full purpose <i>E.g. The cartoonist drew this cartoon to influence Singaporeans that Singapore will not become a liveable country due to the rising cost of living due to policy changes. The author hopes that Singaporeans will start being critical about the initiatives the Government puts forth so that they can have an informed decision when it is time to cast their votes during elections. Since this was published in march 2018, it is obvious that it is a direct response to the budget that was announced at the start of the year. Thus the author holds a very condescending view about the whole act and it does not help that the website has a reputation to be as such. Hence being very clear on its attempt to brainwash. This can be seen from the source where it states, "The PAP wants you to think it is very generous when it is actually squeezing every drop from you. Wake up before it is too late." Though this it is very obvious that the cartoon serves as a warning statement to elicit a response to the comments by the public which is favourable to the author's intent.</i>	5

(b) Study Sources B

How truthful is Source B in allowing us to understand the common man's sentiments about the cost of living in Singapore. Explain your answer. [6]

Lvl	Descriptors	Mark
L1	Answers based on provenance / source type only OR source typicality	1
L2	Answers based on source content <i>Award the higher mark for supported (and explained) answers.</i> E.g. Source B is truthful in allowing us to understand the common man's sentiments about the cost of living in Singapore as the high cost makes the people anxious about making ends meet. This can be seen from, "When asked how he would alleviate the worries felt by the man on the street about high cost of living, Mr. Heng said: "I've tried to explain on how expenditure in healthcare, security and infrastructure is increasing. "This means that the Minister is trying his best to assure the public that the struggles that the common man will face is justified due to greater reason such as the nation's security and for the future. Hence the source is reliable and truthful in allowing us to understand the fearful sentiments about the cost of living in Singapore that requires such justification.	2-3
L3	Answers based on cross reference <i>Award the higher mark for supported (and explained) answers.</i> E.g. Source B is truthful in allowing us to understand the common man's sentiments about the cost of living in Singapore when it is cross referenced to Source A as it supports the content in Source B, we can infer from Source A that the state of Singapore might turn to become a country that is not liveable due to facing struggles in meeting the high costs. This can be seen from the change in policies which indicates a hike in price. This means that it will become very difficult for a common man to live comfortably and without any fear in Singapore. Hence, Source B is reliable thus is truthful.	4-5
L4	Not that truthful based on the context of the source E.g. Ultimately Source B is not truthful in allowing us to understand the common man's sentiments about the cost of living in Singapore due to the given context of the source. One should understand that this was a dialogue that was featured using the national media platform. As such, holding the portfolio of a finance minister it will not be possible for him to out rightly mention that the policies crafted will hinder the finance of the common man. Hence, he had to phrase it in a way to justify the policies. He would not have to justify it if the policies had took into the account the common man's sentiments about the cost of living at the first place. Hence, the source is unreliable thus not truthful due to the lack of understanding the real sentiments surrounding the public.	6

(c) Study Source C.

Are you surprised by the 27 year-old's view on life in Singapore? Explain your answer.

[7]

Level	Descriptors	Mark
L1	Answers based on source content but failing to explain the element of surprise.	1-2
L2	Answers based on contents to explain surprise OR non-surprise E.g. I am surprised by the 27 year-old's view on life in Singapore with regards to the ever rising expensive cost. This can be seen from, "I came up with this list on how much a young adult would spend monthly. Those who are married and living in their own house would spend around \$2,055 per month. This excludes categories like fitness, travel, obligations and personal grooming." This is surprising because, I had an estimation that the cost of living in Singapore would be on the high end due to the quality of services we are blessed with. But, \$2000 is a huge sum of money to be spent on basic expenditure alone. Since I did not expect this to be this expensive, I am surprised.	3
L3	Answers based on context to explain surprise OR non-surprise E.g. I am not surprised by the 27 year-old's view on life in Singapore with regards to the increased cost of living. This can be seen from, "I came up with this list on how much a young adult would spend monthly. Those who are married and living in their own house would spend around \$2,055 per month. This excludes categories like fitness, travel, obligations and personal grooming." This is not surprising because Singapore is a developed country that is ranked as one of the countries with a higher cost of living. Singaporeans have to contribute to taxes and the cost of food has increased drastically over the years. For a better quality of life with robust transport, housing and healthcare systems, I would expect that the basic expenditure for necessities would be higher, and therefore I am not surprised.	4
L4	Answers based on cross reference to sources about cost of living <i>Award the higher mark for cross reference to Source B.</i> E.g. I am not surprised by the 27 year-old's view on life in Singapore when it is cross refereed to Source A due to its support on the fact that expenses are rising in Singapore. This can be seen from Source A where the costs of living is showed by the various expenses that the citizens have to bear. This shows that it is not that cheap to live in Singapore. Since both Source A and C support each other on the point about rising expenses, I am not surprised.	5-6

L5	Answers based on context / provenance E.g.: I am not surprised by the 27 year-old's view on life in Singapore. Although the fact that the calculation she did might shock us, she has also mentioned that it might not be the case for everyone as lifestyles differ. Her only intention was to share on a personal experience to help people shape their expectations based on her blog title. Since, she has set the context for her statements, I knew what to expect from the source and that I need to take it with a pinch of salt. Hence I am not surprised.	6-7
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(d) Study Source D and E.

How far do you agree that Source E proves that D is right? Explain your answer.

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Lvl	Descriptors	Mark
L1	Proves/Does not prove based on provenance	1
L2	Proves based on uncritical acceptance of content, no comparison	2
L3	Proves/Does not prove based on content comparison <i>Award up to 4m for extra details/explanation</i> E.g.: On a surface level, I potentially do not agree that Source E proves Source D right in terms of affordable expenses in Singapore. One can infer from Source F that expenses in Singapore are affordable. This can be seen from "Ministry Of Health also considers the use of MediSave beyond withdrawal limits taking into account factors such as the need for more complex treatments, sometimes unforeseen circumstances or complications, and also financial difficulties which may make it hard for the family to pay the outstanding bill." This means that a patient will be able to use his own funds in CPF for his medical needs so as to reduce the financial burden on the family. Thus making healthcare expenses very affordable. On the other hand, one can infer from Source D that expenses are not affordable in Singapore due to restrictions. This can be seen, "The CPF Board has rejected a 47-year-old man's request to allow his CPF savings in his Ordinary and Special accounts to be transferred to his wife's Medisave account." This means that the financial burden that the family has to bear will be very high. This makes healthcare unaffordable for people in dire state. Thus on a surface level, I potentially do not agree that Source E proves Source D right.	3-4
L4	Proves / Does not prove based on cross-reference (must have Reliability stand) <i>Award 6m for more developed response</i> <i>Can only x-refer to a trustworthy source</i> I HAVE A FEELING WE CANNOT DO X-REFERENCE DUE TO LACK OF MATCH. WHAT DO YOU THINK?	5-6

L5	Proves based on author's position – E.g. Ultimately, I do not agree that Source E proves Source D right due to the presence of context of the author which gives rise to the hidden agenda in the source. The author Mr Edwin Tong holds the portfolio of a Senior Minister Of State for Health. This source was an extract from a dialogue at the Ministry of Health Committee of Supply Debate. As such only rosy pictures would be pointed out due to the fact that this is shared at the parliament. But when the reality kicks in, does the Government stick to the promise is another debate. Hence the source becomes unreliable as it has a motive as such I do not agree that Source F proves Source E.	7
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(e) 'Happiness is derived from the current atmosphere in Singapore.'

Using the sources in this case study, explain how far you would agree with this statement. [10]

Lvl	Level Descriptors	Marks
L1	Writes about statement, no valid source use/explanation	1
L2	Yes/No, supported by valid source use/explanation <i>Award 2 marks for one stand only with use of 1 source.</i> <i>Award 3 marks for one stand only with use of 2 sources.</i> <i>Award 4 marks for one stand only with use of 3 sources.</i>	2-4
L3	Yes + No, supported by valid source use and explanation <i>Award 5 marks for both stands with use of 1:1 (2 sources)</i> <i>Award 6 marks for both stands with use of 2:1 (3 sources)</i> <i>Award 7 marks for both stands with use of 3:1, 2:2 (4 sources)</i> <i>Award 8 marks for both stands with use of 3:2, 4:2, 3:3 (5-6 sources)</i> <i>Note: Consideration on number of sources used and the quality of analysis in deciding on marks in L2 & L3</i> Sources B and E agrees that happiness is derived from the current atmosphere in Singapore. Source B agrees that happiness is derived from the current atmosphere in Singapore. This can be seen from, "As our economy grows, I hope that our reserves will also grow together with the economy and in that way, our younger people can have the same assurance that we inherited from our forefathers." This shows that the Minister has very optimistic ideals about the future which will give many returns. One of it will be happiness for the people in the country. Hence Source B agrees to the claim. Source E agrees that happiness is derived from the current atmosphere in Singapore. This can be seen from, "It takes into account the different charges and different complexity of surgical procedures. We also allow exceptions, taking into account factors such as the need for more complex treatments, sometimes unforeseen circumstances or complications, and also financial difficulties which may make it hard for the family to pay the outstanding bill." This means that the Government has provided provisions for one's healthcare expenses to be taken care off. This makes healthcare expenses	5-8

	<p>affordable for the public. Healthcare being an essential component of one's life, this ensures that people will be satisfied that the biggest worry and one of the most expensive worry will be taken care of. Hence, they will be happy. Thus Source F agrees to the claim.</p> <p>Sources A, C and D does not agree happiness is derived from the current atmosphere in Singapore.</p> <p>Source A does not agree that happiness is derived from the current atmosphere in Singapore. This can be seen from, "The PAP wants you to think it is very generous when it is actually squeezing every drop from you. Wake up before it is too late." This means that the state that the ruling party is putting its citizens in is suffocating them and giving them hardship instead of happiness due to the fact that the cost of living is high. Hence Source A does not agree to the claim.</p> <p>Source C does not agree that happiness is derived from the current atmosphere in Singapore. This can be seen from, "I came up with this list on how much a young adult would spend monthly. Those who are married and living in their own house would spend around \$2,055 per month." This shows that the cost of living is very high. For those newly married who would like to start a family, this will deter them from doing so. This will deprive them of the happiness that they ought to get as they will be chasing after work to be able to earn to pay the bills and not focus on what is more important in life which is family and relationships. Hence, Source D does not agree to the claim.</p> <p>Source D does not agree that happiness is derived from the current atmosphere in Singapore. This can be seen from, "He noted that he ran out of cash to pay for his bills, resulting in his house's electricity being cut off in on a few occasions." The context that shapes the above statement is that one's appeal to use his CPF to help his wife has been rejected. This shows that when the Government abides by strict rules like this without analysing the uniqueness of the case, it will cause the people to be very upset and unhappy as they have no other option to turn to. Hence Source E does not agree to the claim.</p>	
	<p>**To score additional 2 marks, candidates can take any one of these 3 routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • through analysing at least one source in relation to its reliability, utility or sufficiency • by sharing example (s) from their contextual knowledge • by giving a balanced conclusion / resolution <p>Source A is unreliable. Source A only paints the negative picture of the Government initiative. But, it does not give any justifications as to why the situation is as such. The intention of the author was very obvious that it was done to expose to only believe on that one point of view as such it is unreliable.</p>	

2a) Extract 1 is about the rise of self-radicalised individuals in Singapore.

In your opinion, how can Singapore reduce this growing trend of individuals becoming self-radicalised? Explain your answer using **two** ways.

Lvl	Level Descriptors	Marks
L1	<p>Writes about self-radicalisation, no development on reduction of self-radicalisation</p> <p>L1/2 for answers which simply describing social cohesion, unity, Racial Harmony with no slant towards how it controls the spread of self-radicalisation</p>	1-2
L2	<p>Describes method with description / example <i>Award 2 marks for identifying one method, 3 marks for describing method. Award 3 marks for identifying two methods, 4 marks for describing both.</i></p> <p>E.g. One method of reducing the trend of self-radicalisation is to ban dangerous websites to prevent the spread of propaganda. Recently, terrorists have taken to social media and obscure websites and forums to spread their message of hate. Individuals may come across these information and search for more. Over time, they become brainwashed with these beliefs. The government can set up agencies to monitor web traffic and when they come across such websites, they can block access to it by working with the internet service providers. One such agency is the Media Development Agency (MDA). They can identify the dangerous websites and block off access to it.</p>	2-4
L3	<p>Explains method with respect to reducing trend of self-radicalisation <i>Award 5 marks for explaining one method, 6 marks for stronger explanations. Award 6 marks for explaining two methods, 7 marks for stronger explanations.</i></p> <p>One method of reducing the trend of self-radicalisation is to ban dangerous websites to prevent the spread of propaganda. Recently, terrorists have taken to social media and obscure websites and forums to spread their message of hate. Individuals may come across these information and search for more. Over time, they become brainwashed with these beliefs. The government can set up agencies to monitor web traffic and when they come across such websites, they can block access to it by working with the internet service providers. One such agency is the Media Development Agency (MDA). They can identify the dangerous websites and block off access to it. By banning these sites, at risk individuals will not be able to continue finding out more and this will prevent further radicalisation of the individual. On the whole, it also ensures that there will not be a further spread of propaganda from these websites. Thus, this can help to reduce the trend of self-radicalisation as individuals who are at risk of radicalisation will not be able to continue finding out more, thus stopping its influence.</p>	5-7

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2 (b) Extracts 2 and 3 are about how Singapore manages transnational terrorism.

Do you think protective measures are more important than responsive measures in helping to manage the threat of transnational terrorism in Singapore? Explain your answer. [8]

L1	Writes about the Topic	1-2
L2	Describes the factor(s) <i>(definition + e.g.)</i> <i>Award 2 marks for describing one factor and 3 marks for additional details, 4 marks for describing both factors.</i>	2-4

L3	<p>Explains the factor(s) <i>Award 5-6 marks for explaining one factor, 6-7 marks for explaining both factors.</i></p> <p>Protective measures are important in helping to manage the threat of transnational terrorism in Singapore. One protective measure to manage this is by having a vigilant armed force. The Singapore Armed Force (SAF) play a vital role in protecting our borders through working closely with homeland agencies to protect key installations. For instance, Jurong Island, the site of Singapore's petrochemical hub is protected by the SAF troops who work closely with the Singapore Police Force (SPF) and Police Coast Guard to guard land and see access. The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) also works closely with the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) to safeguard our skies. This is an effective measure to manage the threat of transnational terrorism as an effective and well-coordinated armed force ensures that Singapore remains vigilant and our defence forces are in the position to take pre-emptive action in the face of potential terrorist attacks. With rigorous surveillance and close collaboration between home agencies, these protective measures also serve as a deterrence for potential terrorist groups who may think twice about challenging our home forces.</p> <p>Responsive measures are important in helping to manage threats of transnational terrorism. They help to ensure that a country is prepared to deal with the damage or harm that is brought about by acts of transnational acts of terrorism, should they occur. For example, the Singapore Police Force and Singapore Civil Defence Force have frequent exercises to test their contingency plans for acts of terrorism. Emergency preparedness exercises (Exercise Heartbeat) are held across the country in different parts of Singapore for the Home Team agencies to practise their contingency strategies, as well as engage the public in being ready for such attacks. Such responsive measures help both Singaporeans and the government to familiarize, practice and hence be better prepared to deal with a range of security threats. They help the country to recover quickly and with minimal damage to lives should transnational terrorism strike. This will help the country to return to normalcy as fast as possible, thus denying the terrorists their goal of causing paranoia and instability in a country.</p>	5-7
L4	Both aspects in L3 plus explains the relative importance of each factor	8