



**SECONDARY 4 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)
SOCIAL STUDIES (2175/01, 2176/01)
2019 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
SUGGESTED ANSWER SCHEME**

Disclaimer: This suggested answer scheme is not exhaustive. Answers that are logical, coherent and relevant, in response to the question, will be accepted.

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SECTION A: SOURCE BASED CASE STUDY
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1a) Study Source A.

What can you tell about Singaporeans' responses towards inclusive playground in Singapore? Explain your answer. [5]

Level	Description	Marks
L1	<p>Answers based on provenance / description of source</p> <p>E.g. I can tell that Singaporeans think it is inclusive.</p> <p>E.g. I can tell that Singaporeans feels that it allows children to interact.</p>	1
L2	<p>Valid inference with evidence <i>Award 2-3 marks for 1 inference</i> <i>Award 3 marks for 2 inferences</i></p> <p>E.g. I can tell that Singaporeans are supportive/welcome the idea of the inclusive playground. The source states "Darwisy used to just watch his elder brother, Danish playing at the playground, but with the inclusive playground, they can now play together."</p> <p>E.g. I can tell that Singaporeans feel that the inclusive playground is beneficial. The source states "I think the biggest thing is interaction because without interaction, we won't be able to understand them."</p>	2 – 3
L3	<p>Valid inference, explained <i>Award 4-5 marks for 1 inference, explained</i> <i>Award 5 marks for 2 inferences, explained</i></p> <p>E.g. I can tell that Singaporeans are supportive/welcome the idea of the inclusive playground. The source states "Darwisy used to just watch his elder brother, Danish playing at the playground, but with the inclusive playground, they can now play together." This suggests that Singaporeans are supportive because it allows children with or without special needs to be able to play with one another, which would not be possible at the usual playgrounds.</p> <p>E.g. I can tell that Singaporeans feel that the inclusive playground is beneficial. The source states "I think the biggest thing is interaction because without interaction, we won't be able to understand them." This suggests that it is beneficial as it allows children with no special needs and their family members learn to be empathetic from the contact and experience at the inclusive playground.</p>	4 – 5

1b) Study Source B.

Why was this interview published? Explain your answer.

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Level	Description	Marks
L1	Answers based on provenance / description of source E.g. This interview was published to encourage Singaporeans to train and employ people with disabilities.	1
L2	Context, from Background Information E.g. The message of this source is the need for greater awareness of disability in general. E.g. This interview was published to encourage acceptance and include persons with disabilities*. <i>*not to be mistaken for purpose/outcome</i>	2
L3	Message <i>Award 3m for message without verb or unsupported.</i> <i>Award 4m for message with verb or supported with evidence.</i> E.g. E.g. This interview was published to convince Singaporeans about the lack of support and acceptance of people with disabilities. Source B states "He sought funding from various government agencies, but that did not work out. I went to a lot of people such as famous hawkers. They said it wasn't possible, that trying to train people to run a food court was already very tough, let alone people with disabilities." This suggests that Singaporeans still deny/have reservations about giving people with disabilities a chance of being employed and do not receive equal treatment.	3 – 4
L4	Purpose (Message +Outcome) supported E.g. This interview was published to convince Singaporeans about the lack of support and acceptance of people with disabilities. Source B states "He sought funding from various government agencies, but that did not work out. I went to a lot of people such as famous hawkers. They said it wasn't possible, that trying to train people to run a food court was already very tough, let alone people with disabilities." This suggests that Singaporeans still deny/have reservations about giving people with disabilities a chance of being employed. By doing so, he hopes that Singaporeans would be more aware of the challenges faced by people of disabilities and be open-minded about employing people with disabilities [outcome].	5
L5	Purpose + Context E.g. L4 + because in order for society to accept and include persons with disabilities, there is a need for greater awareness of disability in general as well as how we can interact with persons with disabilities appropriately.	6

1c) Study Source C.

Does Source C prove that the Singapore society views people with disabilities negatively? Explain your answer.

[7]

Level	Description	Marks
L1	<p>Prove/Does Not Prove based on description of source</p> <p>E.g. Source C proves Singapore society views people with disabilities negatively as all the findings are negative.</p>	1
L2	<p>Proves based on source content</p> <p><i>Award the higher mark for well-developed answer.</i></p> <p>E.g. Source C proves that Singapore society views people with disabilities negatively as I can infer that there is discrimination directed towards them. Source C states “62 per cent of the 1000 people with disabilities surveyed do not feel they are socially included, accepted or given opportunities to achieve their potential.” This suggests that the society did not treat them fairly and have doubts about their capabilities.</p>	2 – 3
L3	<p>Proves explained by cross-reference</p> <p><i>Award the higher mark for well-developed answers.</i></p> <p>E.g.</p> <p><u>Proves by cross-referring to Source B:</u></p> <p>Source C proves that Singapore society views people with disabilities negatively as I can infer that there is discrimination directed towards them. Source C states “62 per cent of the 1000 people with disabilities surveyed do not feel they are socially included, accepted or given opportunities to achieve their potential.” This suggests that the society did not treat them fairly and have doubts about their capabilities</p> <p>When I cross refer to Source B, it supports Source C. I can infer from Source B that there is discrimination directed towards them. Source B states “I went to a lot of people such as famous hawkers. They said it wasn’t possible, that trying to train people to run a food court was already very tough, let alone people with disabilities. A lot of people rejected me.” This suggests how Singapore society denies them an equal opportunity to be employed and prove themselves. Since Source B supports Source C, Source C proves that Singapore society views people with disabilities negatively.</p>	4 – 5
L4	<p>L3 + Proves based on provenance and purpose of source, supported</p> <p><i>Award the higher mark for well-developed answers.</i></p> <p>E.g. Source C proves that Singapore society views people with disabilities negatively as it is published by National Council of Social Service (NCSS). It is reporting the key findings from their survey results and it wants to convince the Singaporean society that many of the people with disabilities lack respect and empathy. Source C states “62 per cent of the 1000 people with disabilities surveyed do not feel they are socially included, accepted or given opportunities to achieve their potential.” This suggests that Singapore society does not understand the people with disabilities and often made them feel insignificant. By doing so, NCSS hopes Singaporean society will</p>	6 – 7

	embrace people with disabilities in their lives and workplace, [6] to allow them to feel worthy and respected [7].	
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1d) Study Sources D and E.

Having read Source D, are you surprised by Source E? Explain your answer.

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Level	Description	Marks
L1	<p>Surprised/Not surprised based on provenance OR no match Address one source but not the other Addresses both sources but without addressing the element of surprise</p> <p>E.g. I am not surprised by Source E as it is expected and logical of the Prime Minister to urge Singaporeans to help people with disabilities as the collective efforts by the government and community will help enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities. Source E states "The success of the Enabling Village depends on all of us." This suggests that with the community's acceptance of people with disabilities, the Enabling Village they will be able to continue in its training and equipping them with relevant skills.</p> <p>E.g. I am not surprised by Source E as it is expected and logical that the beneficiaries at Dignity Kitchen are equipped with skills to prepare them for employment.</p>	1
L2	<p>Similar in content: Not surprised by Source E, with reference to Source D <i>Award 2m without supporting evidence/explanation</i> <i>Award 3m with supporting evidence/explanation OR both aspects of L2</i></p> <p>E.g. Having read Source D, I am not surprised by E as both sources show the importance of the community helping people with disabilities. Source D states "The success of the Enabling Village depends on all of us." Similarly, Source E states "It (Enabling Village) has been making a big difference for the elderly and underprivileged, as well as the disadvantaged, by helping them develop the skills to seek gainful employment and support themselves./Dignity Kitchen is a prime example of an organisation that is actively encouraging a more inclusive and caring Singaporean society." This suggests that with the community's acceptance of people with disabilities, the Enabling Village and Dignity Kitchen were able to and will be able to continue in its training and equipping them with relevant skills for employment. Therefore, as both sources are similar in how important the community is to the people with disabilities, hence I am not surprised.</p> <p>E.g. Having read Source D, I am surprised by E as both sources differ in showing the level of society's acceptance towards people with disabilities. I can infer from Source D that the level of acceptance is high. Source D states "The Enabling Village is a collective of individuals and organisations that serve—and are supported by— people with diverse abilities. It brings a range of facilities and services under one roof for persons with disabilities." This suggests that the level of acceptance is high as hence individuals come together to provide opportunities for them to lead an independent life. However, I can infer from Source E that the level of acceptance is low. Source E states "But business has not been good as Singaporeans seem to be wary of buying food from disabled hawkers." This suggests society may still view people with disabilities with discrimination and has not fully embraced them. Therefore, as both sources are differ in showing the level of society's acceptance towards people with disabilities, hence I am surprised.</p>	2 – 3

L3	<p>Cross-reference: Surprised OR Not surprised by Source E, with reference to Source D</p> <p><i>Award 4m without supporting evidence/explanation</i> <i>Award 5m with supporting evidence/explanation</i></p> <p>E.g. Having read Source D, I am not surprised by E as both sources show the importance of the community helping people with disabilities. Source D states “The success of the Enabling Village depends on all of us.” Similarly, Source E states ““It (Enabling Village) has been making a big difference for the elderly and underprivileged, as well as the disadvantaged, by helping them develop the skills to seek gainful employment and support themselves./Dignity Kitchen is a prime example of an organisation that is actively encouraging a more inclusive and caring Singaporean society.” This suggests that with the community’s acceptance of people with disabilities, the Enabling Village and Dignity Kitchen were able to and will be able to continue in its training and equipping them with relevant skills for employment. Therefore, as both sources are similar in how important the community is to the people with disabilities, hence I am not surprised.</p> <p>When I cross refer to Background Information, it supports Source E. It shows that the importance of the community in helping people with disabilities. The background information states “With this acceptance, people with disabilities will be able to have enhanced quality of life.” This suggests the role of the community in allowing them to lead an independent and dignified life. Hence I am not surprised by Source E.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>E.g. Having read Source D, I am surprised by E as both sources differ in showing the level of society’s acceptance towards people with disabilities. I can infer from Source D that the level of acceptance is high. Source D states “The Enabling Village is a collective of individuals and organisations that serve—and are supported by— people with diverse abilities. It brings a range of facilities and services under one roof for persons with disabilities.” This suggests that the level of acceptance is high as hence individuals come together to provide opportunities for them to lead an independent life. However, I can infer from Source E that the level of acceptance is low. Source E states “But business has not been good as Singaporeans seem to be wary of buying food from disabled hawkers.” This suggests society may still view people with disabilities with discrimination and has not fully embraced them. Therefore, as both sources are differ in showing the level of society’s acceptance towards people with disabilities, hence I am surprised.</p> <p>When I cross refer to Background Information, it supports Source E. It shows that the level of acceptance is low. The background information states “In a 2016 study by the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre, 62% of PWDs surveyed reported that they do not feel included, accepted, or given opportunities to contribute or reach their potential by society and were often discriminated at work and school.” This suggests the society still has reservations and discrimination towards people with disabilities. Hence I am not surprised by Source E.</p>	4 – 5
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L4	<p>Both aspects of L4</p> <p>Cross-reference: Surprised and Not surprised by Source E, with reference to Source D</p> <p><i>Award 5m without supporting evidence/explanation</i></p> <p><i>Award 6m with supporting evidence/explanation</i></p>	5 – 6
L5	<p>Similar in Purpose: Not surprised by Source E, with reference to Source D</p> <p>E.g. Having read Source D, I am not surprised by Source E. Source E heeds the call of the government for the community to help people with disabilities. Both sources are similar in their motive of convincing the community and public their acceptance of people with disabilities is very important so that they will be aware of their difficulties and be accepting in employing people with disabilities so that they could be given opportunities to earn a living by themselves with their skills acquired. Source D states “The success of the Enabling Village depends on all of us.” Similarly, Source E states “Mdm Tay is deaf, and runs the bakery stall at Dignity Kitchen, a social enterprise and hawker training school for disabled and disadvantaged people.” This suggests that with the community’s acceptance of people with disabilities, the Enabling Village and Dignity Kitchen were able to and will be able to continue in its training and equipping them with relevant skills for employment. Therefore, as both sources are similar in their motive of urging the public to accept and employ people with disabilities, hence I am not surprised.</p>	7

- 1e) How far do the sources in the case study agree that Singapore has effectively created an inclusive society? Explain your answer.

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Level	Description	Marks
L1	<p>Writes about the statement, no valid source use/specific knowledge.</p> <p>E.g. Some sources agree that Singapore has effectively created an inclusive society as they are given opportunities in life.</p> <p>E.g. Some sources disagree that Singapore has effectively created an inclusive society as there is negative treatment towards people with disabilities.</p>	1 – 2
L2	<p>Yes / No, supported by valid source use. <i>Award 3-4 marks for 1 source, 4-5 marks for 2 sources and 5-6 marks for 3 sources.</i></p> <p>E.g. Source A agrees with the statement because I can infer that children with special needs and disabilities can also enjoy at the inclusive playgrounds that are catered to various needs. Source A states “Darwisy used to just watch his elder brother, Danish playing at the playground, but with the inclusive playground, they can now play together.” This suggests that Singapore has effectively created an inclusive society because it allows children with special needs to be able to have fun and play with other children and thus allowing other children to learn empathy and be understanding towards children with special needs.</p> <p>E.g. Source D agrees with the statement because I can infer that the community like Enabling Village has helped people with disabilities to acquire relevant skills to join the workforce. Source D states “The Enabling Village brings a range of facilities and services under one roof for persons with disabilities, including training and employment support, as well as information and referral services.” This suggests that Singapore has effectively created an inclusive society by believing in their ability to contribute to society and be independent.</p> <p>E.g. Source E agrees with the statement because I can infer that the people with disabilities will be able to find a job with the preparation provided by the community. Source E states “It has been making a big difference for the elderly and underprivileged, as well as the disadvantaged, by helping them develop the skills to seek gainful employment and support themselves./Dignity Kitchen is a prime example of an organisation that is actively encouraging a more inclusive and caring Singaporean society.” This suggests that Singapore has effectively created an inclusive society by providing people with disabilities a chance to be earn a living independently.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>E.g. Source B disagrees with the statement because I can infer that the Singapore society does not want to hire people with disabilities. Source B states “I set out to find people who would help me with my social enterprise. I went to a lot of people such as famous hawkers. They said it wasn’t possible, that trying to train people to run a food court was already very tough, let alone people with disabilities. A lot of people rejected me.” This suggests that Singapore has not effectively created an</p>	3 – 6

	<p>inclusive society as it does not give people with disabilities an opportunity to engage in productive work.</p> <p>E.g. Source C disagrees with the statement because I can infer that Singapore society does not welcome people with disabilities into their lives or workplace. Source C states “62 per cent of the 1000 people with disabilities surveyed do not feel they are socially included, accepted or given opportunities to achieve their potential.” This suggests that Singapore has not effectively created an inclusive society as it does not seek to understand them and does not believe that people with disabilities can contribute to society meaningfully like any others.</p> <p>E.g. Source E disagrees with the statement because I can infer that the people with disabilities are still being discriminated. Source E states “But business has not been good as Singaporeans seem to be wary of buying food from disabled hawkers.” This suggests that Singapore has not effectively created an inclusive society the society still has unfounded concerns of people with disabilities being in employment or in the service line.</p>	
L3	<p>Yes <u>AND</u> No, supported by valid source use.</p> <p>Note: Consideration on number of sources used and the quality of analysis in deciding on marks in L2 & L3.</p> <p><i>Award 7 marks for 1Y and 1N.</i></p> <p><i>Award 8 marks for 1Y/2N or 1N/2Y</i></p> <p><i>Award 9 marks for 2Y and 2N.</i></p> <p><i>Award 10 marks for use of all sources.</i></p> <p>E.g. Both parts of L2</p>	7 – 10

SECTION B: STRUCTURED RESPONSE QUESTION

SUGGESTED ANSWER SCHEME

- 2(a) Extract 1 shows that healthcare costs are on the rise, making it a challenge for Singaporeans to afford healthcare.

In your opinion, how can Singaporeans prepare themselves to meet the challenge of rising healthcare costs? Explain your answer using one recommendation.

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Level	Level Descriptor	Marks
L1	<p>Describes the topic (i.e. Healthcare)</p> <p>E.g. Singapore's healthcare system offers multiple layers of protection to ensure universal healthcare coverage for all its citizens.</p>	1 – 2
L2	<p>Identifies/Describes Strategies</p> <p><i>Award 3m for identifying 1 strategy</i> <i>Award 4-5m for describing 1 strategy</i></p> <p>E.g. One way for Singaporeans to prepare themselves to meet the challenge of rising healthcare costs is by <u>taking individual responsibility for their own health</u>. [3] The government can encourage individual responsibility by promoting a healthy lifestyle among young and old Singaporeans. For example, nationwide public education campaigns on maintaining a healthy diet, exercising regularly and going for regular health screenings could be carried out on mass media so as to reach out to more Singaporeans. [4] Schools and workplaces could also be encouraged to promote healthy eating habits among students and staff by organising talks or workshops that emphasise the need to eat healthily. [5]</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>E.g. Another way for Singaporeans to prepare themselves to meet the challenge of rising healthcare costs is by <u>planning their finances for healthcare</u>. [3] Financial planning involves having Singaporeans to set aside money for future possible medical needs. [4] For example, they can do so by paying monthly premiums for private health insurance from insurance companies such as Prudential. In doing so, the insurance companies would cover part or all of their incurred medical costs. [5]</p>	3 – 5

L3	<p>L2 + Explains reasons</p> <p><i>Award 6-7m for explaining 1 strategy</i></p> <p>An explanation is showing how the recommendation can help Singaporeans prepare themselves to meet the challenge of rising healthcare costs.</p> <p>E.g. One way for Singaporeans to prepare themselves to meet the challenge of rising healthcare costs is by <u>taking individual responsibility for their own health</u>. [3] The government can encourage individual responsibility by promoting a healthy lifestyle among young and old Singaporeans. For example, nationwide public education campaigns on maintaining a healthy diet, exercising regularly and going for regular health screenings could be carried out on mass media so as to reach out to more Singaporeans. [4] Schools and workplaces could also be encouraged to promote healthy eating habits among students and staff by organising talks or workshops that emphasise the need to eat healthily. [5] <i>Thus, by taking individual responsibility for their own health, Singaporeans will remain fit and healthy through old age. [6] As such, they do not have to worry about being burdened with huge medical expenses due to their poor health. [7]</i></p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>E.g. Another way for Singaporeans to prepare themselves to meet the challenge of rising healthcare costs is by <u>planning their finances for healthcare</u>. [3] Financial planning involves having Singaporeans to set aside money for future possible medical needs. [4] For example, they can do so by paying monthly premiums for private health insurance from insurance companies such as Prudential. In doing so, the insurance companies would cover part or all of their incurred medical costs. [5] <i>Thus, by planning their finances for healthcare, Singaporeans will not need to worry about incurring large amounts of out-of-pocket medical expenses for their healthcare needs. [6] Their hospitalisation bills, treatment costs and surgery costs would largely be covered by their insurance plans and hence, keep healthcare costs affordable for them. [7]</i></p> <p><i>**Other relevant recommendations should be accepted.</i></p>	6 – 7
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- 2(b) Extract 2 and Extract 3 reflect on how the policies of assimilation and integration help to manage socio-cultural diversity in diverse societies.

Explain how governments manage socio-cultural diversity through the policies of assimilation and integration in diverse societies.

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Level	Level Descriptor	Marks
L1	<p>Writes about the topic (i.e. assimilation and integration) without addressing the question.</p> <p>E.g. Assimilation means that immigrants are expected to adopt the beliefs and practices of the majority group in France. On the other hand, integration means immigrants are allowed to retain their unique identities, but they are expected to form common grounds with the other groups already living in Singapore.</p>	1 – 2
L2	<p>Describes the policies of assimilation and integration in diverse societies such as France and Singapore.</p> <p><i>Award 3-4m for describing 1 factor</i> <i>Award 4-5m for describing both factors</i></p> <p>E.g. Assimilation is a policy that a government may adopt to manage socio-cultural diversity in a diverse society. With the policy of assimilation, immigrants are expected to adopt the beliefs and practices of the majority group in the country. Over time, the identity of the immigrants could become indistinguishable from the majority group in terms of culture and beliefs as they adopt more and more of the country's national identity. [3] For example, France adopts the policy of assimilation and carries out mandatory naturalisation programmes for immigrants to help them develop basic knowledge about life in France and what being French means. To become a French permanent resident, an immigrant must go through a French language course and attend a day of civic education about life in France. To become a citizen, an immigrant must take a test to show that he has good knowledge of French history, culture, and language. [4]</p> <p><u>AND/OR</u></p> <p>E.g. Integration is a policy that a government may adopt to manage socio-cultural diversity in a diverse society. With the policy of integration, immigrants are allowed to retain their unique identities. At the same time, they are expected to form common grounds with the other groups already living in the country by adapting to their norms, culture and values. [3] For example, Singapore adopts the policy of integration and foreigners who apply to become citizens must go through the compulsory Singapore Citizenship Journey which has three parts and takes about two months to complete. Firstly, they need to attend an online course to learn about our history, policies and defence. Secondly, they have to attend a Community Sharing Session where Naturalisation Champions would share tips on how they can integrate and contribute to the community. Lastly, they need to go on an Experiential Tour or learning journey to historical landmarks to learn about Singapore's history, national challenges, resource management and security. [4]</p> <p><i>**Other relevant examples related to assimilation in France or integration in Singapore (or any other country/case study) should be accepted.</i></p>	3 – 5

L3	<p>Explains how the policies of assimilation and integration help governments to manage socio-cultural diversity in diverse societies. <i>Award 6-7m for explaining 1 factor</i> <i>Award 7-8m for explaining 2 factors</i></p> <p>E.g. Assimilation is a policy that a government may adopt to manage socio-cultural diversity in a diverse society. With the policy of assimilation, immigrants are expected to adopt the beliefs and practices of the majority group in the country. Over time, the identity of the immigrants could become indistinguishable from the majority group in terms of culture and beliefs as they adopt more and more of the country's national identity. [3] For example, France adopts the policy of assimilation and carries out mandatory naturalisation programmes for immigrants to help them develop basic knowledge about life in France and what being French means. To become a French permanent resident, an immigrant must go through a French language course and attend a day of civic education about life in France. To become a citizen, an immigrant must take a test to show that he has good knowledge of French history, culture, and language. [4] <i>Thus, assimilation through the naturalisation programmes helps to manage socio-cultural diversity in France by ensuring that immigrants will be able to interact with the majority French population in the national language of France. [6] Furthermore, through their interactions, the immigrants will also adopt French attitudes and beliefs and strengthen their French national identity. As such, the policy of assimilation has helped the French government to manage socio-cultural diversity. [7]</i></p> <p><u>AND/OR</u></p> <p>E.g. Integration is a policy that a government may adopt to manage socio-cultural diversity in a diverse society. With the policy of integration, immigrants are allowed to retain their unique identities. At the same time, they are expected to form common grounds with the other groups already living in the country by adapting to their norms, culture and values. [3] For example, Singapore adopts the policy of integration and foreigners who apply to become citizens must go through the compulsory Singapore Citizenship Journey which has three parts and takes about two months to complete. Firstly, they need to attend an online course to learn about our history, policies and defence. Secondly, they have to attend a Community Sharing Session where Naturalisation Champions would share tips on how they can integrate and contribute to the community. Lastly, they need to go on an Experiential Tour or learning journey to historical landmarks to learn about Singapore's history, national challenges, resource management and security. [4] <i>Thus, integration through these naturalisation initiatives or the Singapore Citizenship Journey helps to manage socio-cultural diversity in Singapore by enabling new immigrants to learn more about the country and the people as well as about the do's and don'ts in Singapore. [6] This will help them to integrate faster and better as it also increases their emotional attachment to the people and country and fosters a greater sense of belonging to Singapore. As such, the policy of integration has helped the Singapore government to manage socio-cultural diversity. [7]</i></p>	6 – 8
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