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Evergreen Secondary School  
Preliminary Examination 2019

Social Studies (2272/01) (2273/01) (2274/01)  
Secondary Four Express/ Five Normal (Academic)

DATE: 27 August 2019

DURATION: 1 hour 45 minutes

Additional Materials: 4 sheets of Writing Paper

***READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST***

***Write your name, index number and class on the work you hand in.***

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

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

**Section A**

Answer **all parts** of Question 1.

**Section B**

Answer **both parts** of Question 2.

Write all answers on the writing paper provided.

At the end of the examination, submit sections A and B separately.

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

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### Section A (Source-Based Case Study)

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

#### 1 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 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.

**(a)** Study Source A.

Do you think the cartoonist supports Singapore's immigration policy? Explain your answer, using details of the source. [5]

**(b)** Study Source B.

Why was this speech published? Explain your answer. [6]

**(c)** Study Sources C.

Are you surprised by what Source C says? Explain your answer. [7]

**(d)** Study Sources D and E.

How far do the sources agree? Explain your answer. [7]

**(e)** 'Immigrants bring about benefits to Singapore.'

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

## **How do immigrants impact for Singapore?**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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

Like most developed countries, Singapore faces a low birth rate and a rapidly ageing population. Singapore takes in new immigrants to keep population steady. About 20,000 immigrants become new citizens every year. The people who take up citizenship should integrate into society, have the abilities and skills to contribute to the economy and have the hearts in the right place.

The immigration policy has resulted in Singaporeans having different opinions about the need for immigrants. Some Singaporeans have supported the policy because of the benefits while others have expressed concerns about the challenges caused by the influx of immigrants.

Study the following sources to assess how far the immigrants impact Singapore.

**Source A** A cartoon from a Singapore blog, published in 2010.



\*Springboard: something that lends assistance to a particular action, enterprise, or development

**Source B** A speech, during the Singapore Perspectives Conference 2018, by the Chief of Monetary Authority of Singapore, who plans and manages strategies to develop Singapore's economy.

It is not about how many immigrants industry wants or society can afford to have, but what number and kind of immigrants we need to maximise the job and wage opportunities for Singaporeans.

We need to rethink and reframe our mind set and attitudes towards the immigration policy. Singapore must accept a slower rate of labour force growth and the population slowdown is so severe that it is neither feasible nor desirable to try to completely offset it through immigration. It is not a numbers game but about rejuvenation and expanding Singapore's talent base.

\*Singapore Perspective Conference: A yearly conference that discuss current issues facing Singapore.

**Source C** Adapted comment by a New Citizen who attended the citizenship ceremony at Townsville Primary School and in attendance with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, published in a local newspaper, 28th May 2017.

Mdm Angie Ng, her position as a quality manager in Melaka to move to Singapore when her husband accepted a job offer here in 2011, and has been actively involved in the community. Besides looking after her two sons, the housewife volunteers Teck Ghee Community Club, organising events and explaining policies such as MediShield Life and the Silver Support Scheme to seniors. She shared "Being a volunteer helped me to integrate better and get to know others better. Now that we're citizens here, we should give back to the place where we reside.

**Source D** An adapted comment from a Singaporean published in a British newspaper, in February 2013.

Liane Ng is concerned about the government's initiative to increase Singapore's population by a third by 2030, a move that would see citizenship granted to more foreigners and squash the local population to just over half the total.

"I love my country. But the cost of living is high, the income gap is widening, transport is failing and unfamiliar faces are crowding our land. People are getting increasingly fed up because our daily lives are affected," she said.

**Source E** Extract of local newspaper article about young Singaporeans' perceptions based on a survey, published in 2018.

Most foreigners, especially those with families and young children, typically spend at least five to 10 years here. Those who are single and more mobile may simply go where the better opportunities are. However, there are foreigners who stay for the minimum contract period agreed with their employers before leaving for another country, and there are those who enjoy living in Singapore and stay here for longer, adapting to the culture and often meeting and marrying a local along the way.

## SECTION B (Structured-Response Question)

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

### 2 WORKING FOR THE GOOD OF SOCIETY

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

#### Extract 1

Chaos broke out in Little India on 8th December 2013 after a crowd of hundreds surrounded a coach that knocked down and killed an Indian national. Mr Teo Chee Hean, the Deputy Prime Minister said: "The Government will not tolerate such lawless behaviour. I have asked Police to deal with all aspects of the incident, including the traffic accident, what happened immediately after the traffic accident, and all ensuing incidents. Police will investigate the matter thoroughly and deal with all the persons involved strictly, firmly, and fairly according to our laws."

#### Extract 2

The NEWater process recycles our treated used water into ultra-clean, high-grade reclaimed water, cushioning our water supply against dry weather and moving Singapore towards water sustainability. Today, there are five NEWater plants supplying up to 40% of Singapore's current water needs. By 2060, NEWater is expected to meet up to 55% of Singapore's future water demand.

#### Extract 3

Meritocracy is about individuals having opportunities and being successful. But we must also be successful together, as one people, one society, and one nation, not just successful alone but successful together.

- (a) Extract 1 highlights the role of the government in maintaining law and order in Singapore.

In your opinion, what should the government do to ensure the safety of locals in Singapore? Explain your answer with reference to **two** strategies. [7]

- (b) Extract 2 and 3 are about the importance of having good principles of governance in Singapore.

Do you think anticipating change and staying relevant is a more significant principle of governance in Singapore than meritocracy? Explain your answer. [8]

**End of Paper**

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**Acknowledgements:**

1. Source A <http://sporesays.blogspot.com/2010/>
2. Source B: <https://www.todayonline.com/singapore/spore-needs-rethink-foreign-manpower-issue-mas-chief>
3. Source C: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/spore-must-manage-inflow-of-new-immigrants-carefully-pm>
4. Source D <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/feb/15/singapore-crisis-immigration-financial-crisis>
5. Source E: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/more-realise-benefits-of-foreign-talent-but-worry-about-cohesiveness>
6. Extract 1: <https://www.todayonline.com/singapore/riot-breaks-out-little-india>
7. Extract 2: <https://www.pub.gov.sg/watersupply/fournationaltaps/newwater>
8. Extract 3: <https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/singapore-at-a-turning-point>