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HUMANITIES (SOCIAL STUDIES)
Paper 1

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21 August 2024, Wednesday

1 hour 45 minutes

Additional Material: Writing Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and index number on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

Section A

Answer **all** questions

Section B

Answer **both** questions on a fresh sheet of paper

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question.
The total marks for this paper is 50.

This paper consists of 7 printed pages including the cover page.

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.

Does the cartoonist support France's policy of assimilation? Explain your answer, using details from the source.

[5]

2 Study Sources B and C.

How far does Source B agree with Source C's view on the policy of assimilation? Explain your answer.

[6]

3 Study Source D.

Does Source D prove that French citizens welcome immigrants? Explain your answer.

[7]

4 Study Sources E and F.

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

[7]

5 'The policy of assimilation in France brings more harm than good.'

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

[10]

How far are immigrants welcomed in France?

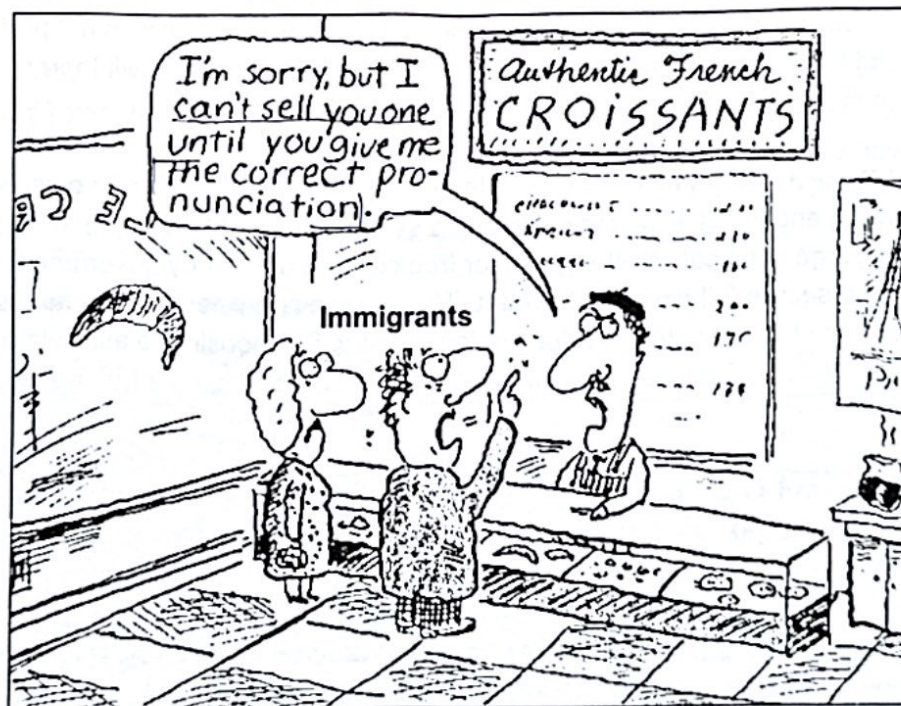
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

France has nearly 7 million immigrants, which is about 10.3% of its population. About 4 to 5 million of them are immigrants with North African backgrounds. The French advocates for the policy of assimilation, prioritising the minimising of cultural differences in favour of a unified French identity. They believe that socio-cultural diversity can be managed through *laïcité* (secularism) which separates public life from religious, ethnic, and racial identities, to ensure equality. Immigrants are also expected to adopt the practices of the majority. However, this has led to challenges for immigrants, especially those of North African descent. Many of them face discrimination and the pressure to mask their own identities in public for a singular French identity. This issue has been widely discussed with some preferring a stricter assimilation policy while others arguing that a more welcoming approach should be adopted to achieve harmony.

Study the following sources to assess how welcomed immigrants are in France.

Source A: A cartoon about France's assimilation policy, by an American cartoonist, 2008.



*Croissant – A type of French pastry

Source B: From an article by a French academic specialising in North African immigration, published in 2016.

There are positive signs that many North African immigrants who came to France in search of social and economic stability, have gradually assimilated into France as their basic needs of housing and employment are met. Many of these immigrants who followed the France's secular laws have also become lawyers, doctors or journalists.

Nonetheless, the French government should continue to concentrate on improving the lives of the immigrants such as ensuring affordable housing and employment opportunities. They should also continue to ensure access to French language classes. With ideal conditions, immigrants can then focus on blending into France even more naturally and painlessly, without the need for excessive restrictions of their cultural practices.

Source C: A forum post by an American professional who immigrated to France, posted in 2018.

As an American immigrant who is working on blending in with French culture and still learning the language, I must say the French are quite friendly. My French was not proficient two years ago and I would apologise first to whoever I'm speaking to. They will then speak a bit slower to help me.

I firmly believe that immigrants should learn and practise the ways of the country they choose to move to and to put aside their cultural connections. After two years of hard work, I obtained the language certification after going for free courses offered by government agencies which helped to secure full time employment. There are employment opportunities for immigrants who choose to adhere to the values of the country. By choosing to assimilate, I am rewarded with a well-paid job and a sense of belonging to an amazing country and culture.

Source D: *France's President Macron responding to issues on inequalities in France, broadcasted on an American television programme, in 2021.*

France is a country with many immigrants coming from former colonies especially North Africa. Today, immigrants still find themselves being discriminated over their differences. My conviction is to address this transparently. Hence, I launched new platforms to fight against hostility towards immigrants. I also intend to hold peaceful dialogues to understand why discrimination happens and to craft new policies to overcome it. When managing diversity, we need to move towards encouraging the idea that a nation can be based on unity with differences rather than forcing individuals to hide their unique identities.

Source E: *From an article on an Indonesian news website, published in 2024.*

After being rejected about 50 times at job interviews in France despite ample qualifications, Adam, a North African immigrant packed his bags and moved to Dubai.

"I feel much better here than in France," the 32 year-old said. "Here, we are all equal. You can have a boss who's Indian, Arab or French. In France, you need to work twice as hard when you come from certain immigrant groups."

Highly qualified immigrants are leaving France. Of 1000 of these immigrants who have been surveyed, 71 percent left due to discrimination. North African immigrants and their children have been living in an increasingly hostile environment. To assimilate, they have to adhere to the law which bans women from displaying religious symbols, including wearing of headscarves and long robes in public schools.

Source F: *From an opinion piece by former Education Minister of France who was born in North Africa published in 2024.*

This is a daughter of immigrants writing. I owe my achievements to France's assimilation initiatives, its public schools, and the charitable and political organisations that have supported an immigrant like me. This country belongs to all of us.

Like many immigrants, I choose not to reveal my religious identity publicly as I want to blend in and to be judged by my actions, not my background. While doing so is painful for many immigrants like me, it is necessary in a nation that believes in equality and fraternity. In fact, with the support from citizen groups, it has been possible for immigrants to be included into the French society over time.

SECTION B (Structured-Response Questions)

Answer both questions

Being Part of a Globalised World

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

Extract 1

The Singaporean government has launched the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Singapore programme to enhance AI capabilities and adoption across sectors. AI refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are programmed to think, learn and make decisions like humans. The adoption of AI will transform how work is done at the workplace.

Extract 2

Transnational terrorism refers to acts of terrorism that transcend national boundaries, involving individuals, groups, or networks that operate across multiple countries. Unlike domestic terrorism, which is confined within a single country, transnational terrorism can involve planning, funding, and execution in different nations.

Extract 3

Cybersecurity threats encompass a wide range of malicious activities that target information systems, networks, and digital assets. These threats can originate from various sources, including cybercriminals, state-sponsored actors, hacktivists, and insider threats.

- 6 Extract 1 highlights Singapore's effort to digitalise its economy through the adoption of AI.

In your opinion, how will Singapore be impacted by the adoption of AI in the workplace? Explain your answer with **two** impacts. [7]

- 7 Extracts 2 and 3 highlight two sources of threats facing a nation in a globalised world.

Do you think that transnational terrorism poses a greater threat to a nation's security as compared to cybersecurity threats? Explain your answer. [8]

End of Paper

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