

EVG 4E5N SS Prelim 2019 – Suggested Answers

Source-Based Case Study

(a) Study Source A.

Do you think the cartoonist supports Singapore's immigration policy? [5]

Level	Descriptors/Examples	Marks
L1	State the stand/ Invalid interpretation (e.g. The cartoonist is supportive) <i>Award 0m if stand is not stated.</i>	1
L2	State the stand, supported. E.g. The cartoonist does not support Singapore's immigration policy. This is seen in Source A where it shows an immigrant using the Made in Singapore springboard to jump into the pool that is labelled 'other countries'.	2
L3	L1, explained and supported. <i>Award 3m for weak interpretation.</i> <i>Award 4m for strong interpretation.</i> E.g. The cartoonist does not support Singapore's immigration policy because the immigrants as being not committed to staying in Singapore. This is seen in Source A where it shows an immigrant using the Made in Singapore springboard to jump into the pool that is labelled 'other countries'. [3] E.g. The cartoonist does not support Singapore's immigration policy because they are always looking for better opportunities elsewhere/ taking advantage of/ exploiting Singapore's immigration policy for their own benefits This is seen in Source A where it shows an immigrant using the Made in Singapore springboard to jump into the pool that is labelled 'other countries'. [4]	3-4
L4	L1 + well explained and supported. E.g. The cartoonist does not support Singapore's immigration policy. The cartoonist feels that the immigrants as being not committed to staying in Singapore because they are always looking for better opportunities elsewhere/ taking advantage of/ exploiting Singapore's immigration policy for their own benefits. This is seen in Source A where it shows an immigrant using the Made in Singapore springboard to jump into the pool that is labelled 'other countries'.	5

(b) Study Source B.

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

Level	Descriptors/Examples	Marks
	Award 0 marks for answers without presenting answers as reason.	
L1	Answer based on events/ Misinterpretation. E.g. Because it was at the Singapore Perspective conference 2018.	1
L2	Answers based on context. <i>Award 2 marks for valid reason, supported or explained.</i> <i>Award 3 marks for valid reason, supported and explained.</i> E.g. The speech was published because many Singaporeans were unhappy with the influx of immigrants/ unhappy with the government's immigration policy. [2] OR Identifying Reason: <i>Award 3 marks for valid reason, supported/explained.</i> E.g. The speech was published to stress the need for having quality/ talented immigrants because Singapore will become more competitive in the world economy. This is seen in Source B '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'. [3] Eg. The speech was published to convince Singaporeans to be welcoming/ receptive/ positive to the influx of immigrants/ the government's immigration policy/more supportive of the government's immigration policy. This is seen in Source B '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'. [3] Note: Includes outcome phrased as a reason	2-3
L3	Reason/s, supported and explained. <i>Award 4 marks for valid reason, supported or explained.</i> <i>Award 5 marks for valid reason, supported and explained.</i> E.g. The speech was published to convince Singaporeans the importance of having quality/ talented immigrants. This is seen in Source B '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'. [4] E.g. The speech was published to convince Singaporeans the importance of having quality/ talented immigrants because they are beneficial in the development of Singapore's economy. This is seen in Source B '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	4-5

	try to completely offset it through immigration. It is not a numbers game but about rejuvenation and expanding Singapore's talent base'. [5]	
L4	<p>Detects the purpose of the source.</p> <p><i>Award 5 marks for weak purpose, supported (invalid speech verb i.e. raise awareness/audience/weak explanation).</i></p> <p><i>Award 6 marks for purpose, well explained and supported.</i></p> <p>E.g. The speech was published to convince Singaporeans the importance of having quality/ talented immigrants because they are beneficial in the development of Singapore's economy. As a result, the MAS Chief hopes that more Singaporeans will be welcoming/ receptive/ positive to the influx of immigrants/ the government's immigration policy/more supportive of the government's immigration policy.</p> <p>This is seen in Source B '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'. [6]</p>	5-6

(c) Study Source C.

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

Level	Descriptors/Examples	Marks
	Award 0 marks for answers without addressing the question.	
L1	Surprised/Not surprised, wrong interpretation/ undeveloped provenance.	1
L2	Surprised/Not surprised, unsupported/unexplained. E.g. I am surprised by the high level of commitment shown by the new citizen because she was willing to contribute to society.	2
L3	Surprised/Not surprised, supported and explained. <u>Surprised</u> E.g. I am surprised by the high level of commitment shown by the new citizen because she was willing to contribute to society. Source C states 'the housewife volunteers Teck Ghee Community Club, organising events and explaining policies such as MediShield Life and the Silver Support Scheme to seniors'. OR <u>Not Surprised</u> E.g. I am not surprised by the high level of commitment shown by the new citizen because she was willing to contribute to society. Source C states 'the housewife volunteers Teck Ghee Community Club, organising events and explaining policies such as MediShield Life and the Silver Support Scheme to seniors'. OR E.g. I am not surprised by the positive impact of the new citizens on society because of their contributions to the community. Source C states 'the housewife volunteers Teck Ghee Community Club, organising events and explaining policies such as MediShield Life and the Silver Support Scheme to seniors'.	3-4
L4	L4 + Valid cross-reference for support, explained and supported. <u>Surprised</u> E.g. L3 + Source C is opposed by Source A. Source A shows a new citizen using the Made in Singapore springboard to jump into the pool that is labelled 'other countries'. This means new citizens are not/less committed to Singapore because they seize other better opportunities and leave Singapore. <u>Not Surprised</u> E.g. L3 + Source C is supported by Source E. Source E states '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'. This means that immigrants are highly committed to Singapore because they are willing to change their way of life to fit into Singapore society. OR	5

	E.g. L3 + Source C is supported by Source E. Source E states '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'. This means that immigrants have a positive impact on the society because they are willing to change their way of life to fit into Singapore society.	
L5	<p>Surprised/Not surprised based on evaluation of the provenance.</p> <p><i>Award 6 marks for weaker evaluation and explanation.</i></p> <p><i>Award 7marks for strong evaluation and explanation, linking to the wider context.</i></p> <p>E.g. I am not surprised that the new citizen made such a comment during the citizenship ceremony because I expect her to share her experiences serving the community to prove that she is well integrated and is ready to live as a Singaporean. Thus, she is biased in sharing/ emphasising the positive experiences as a new citizen to prove the success of the integration policy for the new citizens. Thus, Source C is not a reliable source in showing the positive impact of immigrants on Singapore. [7]</p> <p>* Accept: Not surprised → new citizen who just got her citizenship → expect her to share positive experiences/well-integrated → biased [6]</p>	6-7

(d) Study Sources D and E.

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

Level	Descriptors/Examples	Marks
	Do not award marks for answers that do not demonstrate comparison.	
L1	Use of content but no valid matching.	1
L2	<p>Answer based on provenance / False matching of evidence from both sources.</p> <p><i>Award 2 marks for 1 similarity/difference based on provenance.</i></p> <p>E.g. Source D and E are similar as both are newspaper articles about Singaporeans' view on immigrants.</p>	2
L3	<p>Agree AND/OR Disagree in Content, unsupported.</p> <p><i>Award 3 marks for agree/disagree, unsupported / unexplained.</i></p> <p><i>Award 4 marks for agree and disagree, unsupported / unexplained.</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>Award 3 marks for identification of common criteria only</i></p> <p><i>Award 4 marks for valid matching of evidences (criteria/explanation not needed)</i></p> <p>E.g. Sources D and E agree with one another in terms that the influx of immigrants can result in the erosion/dilution of national identity in Singapore. [3]</p> <p>E.g. Sources D and E agree with one. Source D states 'a move that would see citizenship granted to more foreigners and squash the local population to just over half the total... unfamiliar faces are crowding our land'. And Source E states 'who viewed the presence of foreign talent as having a negative impact on societal cohesiveness here, from 38.9 per cent to 48 per cent'. [4]</p>	3-4
L4	<p>Agree AND/OR Disagree in Content, supported and explained.</p> <p><i>Award 5 marks for agree/disagree, supported and explained.</i></p> <p><i>Award 6 marks for agree and disagree, supported and weak explanation.</i></p> <p><i>Award 7 marks for agree and disagree, well-explained and supported.</i></p> <p>E.g. Sources D and E agree with one another in terms of increase in population/foreigners/immigrants.</p> <p>Source D states "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 ...".</p> <p>And Source D states "...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."</p> <p>AND</p> <p>E.g. Both sources disagree in terms of the impact of immigrants on Singapore.</p> <p>Source D states that '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' and this means that immigrants have a negative impact on Singapore because it has resulted in social problems.</p>	5-7

However, Source E states that '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' and this means immigrants have a positive impact on Singapore society because there are **social benefits**. [6]

***Answers without identifying impact on society will be award L3**

E.g. Agree + Disagree (well-developed answer)

Both sources disagree in terms of the impact of immigrants on Singapore.

Source D states that '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' and this means that immigrants have a negative impact on Singapore because the influx of immigrants have lowered Singaporeans' standard of living/resulted in social problems.

However, Source E states that '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' and this means immigrants have a positive impact on Singapore society because they add diversity/ they have integrated into Singapore society/boost the population. [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]

L1	Writes about the statement with no valid source use.	1
L2	Yes OR No, supported by valid source use. (with valid explanation and evidence) <i>Award 2 marks for use of 1 valid source.</i> <i>Award 3 marks for use of 2 valid sources.</i> <i>Award 4 marks for use of 3 or more valid sources.</i>	2-4
L3	Yes <u>AND</u> No, supported by valid source use. (with valid explanation and evidence) <i>Award 5 marks for 2 valid sources.</i> <i>Award 6 marks for 3 valid sources.</i> <i>Award 7-8 marks for 4 valid sources.</i> <i>Award 8 marks for 5 valid sources.</i> <i>Imbalance evaluation of sources, maximum 6 marks (Yes/No is supported by only 1 valid source use and Yes/No is supported by 3 or more valid sources.)</i> Sources B, C and E <u>agree</u> that immigrants are beneficial to Singapore. <p>E.g. Source B states 'but what number and kind of immigrants we need to maximise the job and wage opportunities for Singaporeans....It is not a numbers game but about rejuvenation and expanding Singapore's talent base'. This means that immigrants are beneficial to Singapore because they improve/add to the quality of the local workforce. As a result, they help to further develop/improve Singapore's economy. (workforce/economy getting better)</p> <p>E.g. Source C states that '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.' This means that immigrants are beneficial to Singapore because they contribute to the community/society/ they are committed to their community/are willing to be part of the society. As a result, they help to build/maintain a cohesive society/help to build a more inclusive society. (being part of the society/inclusive/cohesive)</p> <p>E.g. Source E states that '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'. This means that immigrants are beneficial to Singapore because of their willingness to change their way of life/integrate into Singapore society. As a result, they add to the vibrancy/diversity of Singapore. (integration → impact on Singapore society)</p> Sources A, D and E <u>do not agree</u> that immigrants are beneficial to Singapore. <p>E.g. Source A shows an immigrant using the Made in Singapore springboard to jump into the pool that is labelled 'other countries'. This means that immigrants do not benefit Singapore because their preference to leave Singapore for better opportunities will cause Singapore to lose talent. As a result, Singapore becomes less competitive/limit Singapore's economic growth. (loss of talent/negative impact on economy)</p>	5-8

	<p>E.g. Source D states that '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.' This means that immigrants are not beneficial to Singapore because the influx has caused tensions/ unhappiness among Singaporeans. As a result, it will disrupt Singaporean's daily lives/quality of living/lifestyles. (unhappiness → negatively impact Singaporeans' lives; social problems → cause unhappiness)</p> <p>E.g. Source E states that 'Those who are single and more mobile may simply go where the better opportunities are' and this means that immigrants are not beneficial to Singapore because their preference to leave Singapore for better opportunities will cause Singapore to lose talent. As a result, Singapore becomes less competitive/limit Singapore's economic growth. (loss of talent/negative impact on economy)</p>	
L4	<p>Using contextual knowledge/personal experience as support.</p> <p><i>Bonus marks are only given for valid use of source.</i></p> <p>Based on awarding L2 first for the valid source interpretation to get the bonus marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L2 + Assess reliability of one source based on provenance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Source B is from the MAS Chief speaking at a Singapore Perspective Conference – biased source + emphasis on the importance of the immigration policy for Singapore to become more competitive (2) Source D is from a British newspaper – objective source + no vested interests in highlighting the unhappiness/concerns of a Singaporean towards immigrants 	+2

Structured-Response Question

- (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]

Levels	Responses	Marks
L1	Describes law and order in Singapore.	[1]
L2	Identifies/Describes strategies. Award 2 marks for identifying a strategy and 3 marks for identifying 2 strategies. Award 3 marks for describing a strategy and 4 marks for describing 2 strategies. E.g. One strategy is by maintaining internal order. For example, the Singapore Police Force protects people from crime that includes terrorism and public disorder. Immigrations and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) that protects the security of Singapore's borders against undesirable people and cargo by land, sea and air.	[2-4]
L3	L2 + Explains strategy Award 5-6 marks for explaining 1 strategy. Award 6-7 marks for explaining 2 strategies. Note: An explanation is showing how the strategy addresses the safety of locals and foreigners in Singapore (issue) E.g. One strategy is by maintaining internal order. For example, the Singapore Police Force protects people from crime that includes terrorism and public disorder. Immigrations and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) that protects the security of Singapore's borders against undesirable people and cargo by land, sea and air. <u>Thus, the government ensures the safety of locals because government agencies are deployed to safeguard the well-being of locals and their properties to allow them to carry out their daily life/activities. As a result, Singapore is a safe and secure place to live, play and work in.</u> OR E.g. Another strategy is maintaining external security. For example, Singapore uses the two-pronged approach, diplomacy and deterrence, to deter external aggression. Various agencies such as army, navy and air force work together to protect Singapore's sovereignty and national interests. And the Ministry of Foreign Affairs establishes diplomatic ties with other countries so that nobody will attack Singapore in the first place. Singapore and Malaysia resolved their different views on who Pedra Branca belonged to amicably through the International Court of Justice. <u>Thus, the government ensures the safety of locals because external aggressors will think twice before attacking Singapore and Singapore will also be able to enlist international or regional assistance in times of crisis. As a result, Singapore is a peaceful country and the basic security needs of the locals are met for them to carry on with their daily lives/activities.</u> OR E.g. Another strategy is ensuring justice. For example, Family Justice Courts grant PPO (Personal Protection Order) to protect individuals from family violence. Once the court has assessed the case and decided to grant the PPO to the applicant, it can take action such as restrict a person from entering the applicant's house or part of the house. <u>Thus, the government ensures the safety of locals because the government ensures that the</u>	[5-7]

	<p><u>laws and judiciary system in Singapore whereby the courts will judge them fairly, protect their rights and welfare. As a result, Singapore is a safe and secure place to live, play and work in.</u></p> <p>*Accept other plausible answers – use APP to report crimes/ suspicious items/person etc.</p>	
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- (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]

L1	Writes about the topic but without addressing the question	[1-2]
L2	<p>Describes the measure(s) Award 3 marks for describing one measure. Award 4 marks for describing both measures.</p> <p>E.g. Anticipating change and staying relevant Anticipating change and staying relevant is a significant principle of governance. The government needs to be forward-looking to ensure the long-term survival of Singapore. For example, the government faced tensions when deciding to build Integrated Resorts (IRs) at Marina Bay and Sentosa to improve tourism because casinos were part of these resorts. The government decided to build the IRs in April 2005 because they will bring economic benefits such as job opportunities and higher tourist spending. On the other hand, the government was aware of the concerns about higher gambling rates and took measures to lessen the potential of problem gambling.</p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>E.g. Meritocracy Practicing meritocracy is a significant principle of governance. Meritocracy is a system that rewards people according to the effort that they put in regardless of their race, religion or socio-economic background, thus ensuring future successes. For example, students who perform well in their studies and CCAs are rewarded in ways to help them excel further in their education. The Edusave Scholarship and Merit Bursary schemes reward the top 10 percent and 25 per cent of school students respectively.</p>	[3-4]
L3	<p>Explain the factor(s) Award 5-6 marks for explaining one measure. Award 6-7 marks for explaining both measures.</p> <p>Note: An explanation is showing how the measure(s) addresses the issue.</p> <p>E.g. Anticipating change and staying relevant Anticipating change and staying relevant is a significant principle of governance. The government needs to be forward-looking to ensure the long-term survival of Singapore. For example, the government faced tensions when deciding to build Integrated Resorts (IRs) at Marina Bay and Sentosa to improve tourism because casinos were part of these resorts. The government decided to build the IRs in April 2005 because they will bring economic benefits such as job opportunities and higher tourist spending. On the other hand, the government was aware of the concerns about higher gambling rates and took measures to lessen the potential of problem gambling. <u>Thus, anticipating change and staying relevant is a significant principle of governance because the government is able to make sound decisions to ensure that Singapore would be able to maintain competitiveness against other neighbouring countries. As a result, Singapore is well-governed and experience continued economic growth.</u></p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>E.g. Meritocracy</p>	[5-7]

	<p>Practicing meritocracy is a significant principle of governance. Meritocracy is a system that rewards people according to the effort that they put in regardless of their race, religion or socio-economic background, thus ensuring future successes. For example, students who perform well in their studies and CCAs are rewarded in ways to help them excel further in their education. The Edusave Scholarship and Merit Bursary schemes reward the top 10 percent and 25 per cent of school students respectively. <u>Thus, practicing meritocracy is a significant principle of governance because Singaporeans are recognised for their contributions and are more willing to contribute towards the development of the country. This also ensures good management of Singapore's human resources and brings about better economic development. As a result, Singapore is well-governed and experience continued growth.</u></p>	
L4	Both aspects in L3 plus explains the relative importance of each measure	[8]