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Paper 1 Social Studies

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1 hour 45 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, register number, and class on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
Do not use highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Section B

Answer **both** questions.

Write all answers on writing paper.
You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the assessment, fasten all your work securely together.
Hand in Section A and Section B **separately**.

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

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SECTION A (Source-Based Case Study)

Answer **all** questions.

Being Part of a Globalised World

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.

1 Study Source A.

What is the message of the source? Explain your answer using details from the cartoon. [5]

2 Study Sources B and C.

Does the cartoonist in Source B agree with the website in Source C? Explain your answer. [6]

3 Study Source D

How useful is this source as evidence on the value of the Olympic Games? Explain your answer. [7]

4 Study Sources E and F.

Does Source E make Source F surprising? Explain your answer. [7]

5 'Countries should host the Olympic Games.'

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

Why do nations host the Olympic Games?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

Countries host the Olympic Games to showcase their cultural identity and athletic prowess on a global stage, boosting national pride and international prestige. It serves as an opportunity to stimulate economic growth through tourism and infrastructure development, leaving a legacy of improved facilities and urban renewal. The Games also foster diplomatic ties and promote global understanding through sportsmanship and cultural exchange, reinforcing a sense of unity and cooperation among nations.

There are also challenges. Expenditure often surpasses budgets, leading to financial strain for taxpayers. Building infrastructure can displace communities and harm the environment. Security measures can disrupt daily life, and maintaining event facilities after the Games can be costly. Public opinion varies, with some questioning the benefits compared to the disruptions. Overall, while these events showcase a country's strengths, careful planning and management are vital to minimise drawbacks and ensure lasting positive impacts.

Study the sources to consider why countries host the Olympic Games.

Source A: *A cartoon on the upcoming 2024 Olympics. It was published on X, the media platform formerly known as Twitter.*



Source B: *A cartoon published in international newspaper. The structure in the foreground represents the original Olympic building in Greece.*



Source C: *From the Coca-Cola website. The Coca-Cola company is the longest standing corporate supporter of the Olympic Games, having supported the Games since 1928.*

We seek to be aligned with the things that people care about and, year after year, our fans tell us that they are passionate about sports and the world's pinnacle sporting event, the Olympic Games. The Olympic Games are a truly global event, giving Coca-Cola a unique opportunity to refresh and celebrate with sports fans in the more than 200 countries where we do business.

Source D: *From a speech by the Organiser of the Tokyo Olympic Games at the Closing Ceremony of the Games, 2021. Tokyo Olympics was delayed by one year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.*

You (the athletes) inspired us with this unifying power of sport. This was even more remarkable given the many challenges you had to face because of the pandemic. In these difficult times, you give the world the most precious of gifts: hope. For the first time since the pandemic began, the entire world came together. Sport returned to centre stage. Billions of people around the globe were united by emotion, sharing moments of joy and inspiration. This gives us hope. This gives us faith in the future. You, the best athletes of the world, could only make your Olympic dream come true because Japan prepared the stage for you to shine.

You, the Japanese people, can be extremely proud of what you have achieved.

Source E: *A comment by the organisers of the Paris Olympic Games, March 2024.*

This summer, more than 20,000 athletes, plus support staff, will be in the Athletes' Village which cost US\$1.86 billion to build. The village is used as an experiment to develop the most environmentally sustainable neighbourhood for all, serving as an inspiration for future developments. Then, a year later, 6,000 new residents will move into the neighborhood, which was previously a run-down industrial wasteland. The games are the excuse to provide additional housing for people in need of homes. It will be converted into a permanent neighbourhood, complete with housing, offices, restaurants and shops. We are providing opportunities for the neighbourhood, hoping to revitalise and give the community hope and aspiration.

Source F: *From a Japanese newspaper report after the Tokyo Olympic Games, October 2021.*

New buildings such as The Kasai Canoe Slalom Centre which features the first artificial canoe course in Japan, were built for the Tokyo Games. Hopefully, it continues to be popular among canoe enthusiasts. It was not the case in Rio de Janeiro. After the Summer Games, swimming and golf facilities were among those abandoned and the Olympic Village housing that was converted to condominiums remained unsold.

With the Summer Olympics over, the National Stadium, which cost 156.9 billion yen (US\$1.4 billion) to build and can hold 68,000 spectators, requires a maintenance cost of US\$22 million a year, and operating rights are expected to be sold once the Olympics end. We are not sure who will want to take on the operating rights.

SECTION B (Structured Response Question)

Answer **both** questions.

Exploring Citizenship and Governance

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

Extract 1

To be more self-sufficient in food, the Government has set a '30 by 30' goal of growing 30 per cent of our food locally by 2030. However, just 3.2 per cent of vegetables consumed by Singaporeans in 2023 were locally grown, and overall consumption of local produce, including fish and eggs remained under 10 per cent, far from the 30 per cent target. The low local food consumption is despite an increase in the number of vegetable farms and land-based seafood farms in 2023.

Extract 2

There are many different groups of people in Singapore who face challenges in their lives. One such group is the elderly who may feel lonely because their family members have no time for them. Community groups like Lion Befrienders and RSVP Singapore are formed by people with a common interest and they can help to address the needs of the elderly.

Extract 3

In addition to community groups, individuals also actively contribute to the good of society. Individuals could use their knowledge, skills and experience to help others.

6. Extract 1 reflects on Singapore's low local food consumption concerns.

In your opinion, why is it critical for Singaporeans to support local produce?
Explain your answer with reference to **two** reasons. [7]

7. Extracts 2 and 3 reflect on how efforts by community groups and individuals can improve the well-being of different groups of people in society.

Do you think community groups play a more important role than individuals in addressing the needs of society? Explain your answer. [8]

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Source A	https://x.com/Royaards/status/1782319479084454356
Source B	https://www.olympiccartoon.com/
Source C	https://www.coca-cola.com/us/en/about-us/faq/why-does-coca-cola-support-the-olympic-games#:~:text=Coca%E2%80%91Cola%20has%20been%20associated,countries%20where%20we%20do%20business.
Source D	https://olympics.com/ioc/news/ioc-president-s-speech-tokyo-2020-closing-ceremony
Source E	https://www.nbcolympics.com/news/olympic-innovation-how-paris-games-might-revolutionize-our-world
Source F	https://www.nbcolympics.com/news/olympic-innovation-how-paris-games-might-revolutionize-our-world

Levels of Response Marking

1	<p>Study Source A. What is the message of the source? Explain your answer.</p> <p>Assessment Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand the key message. -Students should make use of as many details as possible to explain their answer. 	[5]
Levels	Descriptors	Marks
1	Describes the source generally.	1
2	<p>Attempt to infer message (surface message). <i>Higher marks awarded for evidence explained</i> E.g. The message of the source is that there are homelessness in France.</p>	2-3
3	<p>Valid attempt to infer message <i>Higher marks awarded for evidence explained.</i> E.g. The message of the source is that the Olympic games are an opportunity to eradicate homelessness on the Parisian streets This can be seen from the broom representing the Olympic games sweeping away the homeless people of the streets.</p>	4-5
2	<p>Study Sources B and C. Does the cartoonist in Source B agree with the website in Source C? Explain your answer.</p> <p>Assessment Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comparison skills with an emphasis of common statement and common criteria - Addressing the idea of 'agree' * Award 0m for the inability to address idea of agree. - Understanding the key meaning of the cartoon 	6
Levels	Description	Marks
1	Comparison on provenance only.	1
2	<p>False-matching E.g. : The sources disagree on whether the Olympic games was organised by the IOC</p>	2
3	<p>Agreement via content similarity E.g. The sources agree that coca-cola is involved in sponsoring the Olympic games. This can be seen from the Coca-cola bottles</p>	3

	holding up the Olympic venue in source B while Source C shows us the association of coca cola with Olympics since 1928, 'longer than any other'.	
4	Disagreement via content difference. (award higher marks for evidence explained) E.g. The sources disagree on the relationship between Coca Cola and the Olympic games. In Source B coca-cola is seen as dictating and necessary to the Olympic games depicted in both the structure of the building built entirely with coca-cola bottles and the Olympic member prostrating in front of coca-cola, while in Source C, coca-cola is seen as a supporter and a contributor to the Olympic games as seen from evidence "Coca-Cola has been associated with the Olympic Games continuously since 1928, longer than any other corporate supporter."	4-5
5	Comparison based on tone or purpose (disagreement) E.g. Sources disagree on how coca-cola is presented in relation to the Olympic games. Source B is critical of the power that coca-cola have in hosting the Olympic games, while Source C is positive and excited about coca-cola hosting the Olympic games. E.g. Sources disagree. Source B will like the IOC to review the power coca-cola have in the Olympic games, and take steps to limit its power while Source C a coca-cola official website is advertising coca-cola positive involvement in the Olympic games and will like their consumers to have a positive brand impression of Coca-cola, and continue purchasing their items.	6
3	Study Source D How useful is this source as evidence on the value of the Olympic Games? Explain your answer. Assessment Objectives Students must explain the value of the Olympic games as presented in the source Students must be able to explain link between utility and reliability. Students should explain utility based on provenance	7
Levels	Description	Marks
1	Unexplained utility of provenance	1

2	Explains source usefulness or limitation without to value of Olympic games	2
3	<p>Explains usefulness and/or limitations of the source, supported. Award higher mark for quality explanations.</p> <p>Usefulness:</p> <p>E.g. Source D is useful as it shows us that the value of the Olympic game is that the games can be aspirational to others. This can be seen from Source D where the organiser praised the athletes as inspirations “Billions of people around the globe were united by emotion, sharing moments of joy and inspiration. This gives us hope. This gives us faith in the future”</p> <p>E.g. Source D is limited as it shows only the intrinsic value of the Olympic game and it is limited in showing us the economic value of the hosting the games.</p>	3-4
4	<p>Explains utility based on provenance</p> <p>E.g. As the organisers of the Tokyo Olympic games that was fraught with challenges she is keen to enhance the highlights of the games focusing on the qualities of the athletes, ending the games on a positive note, thus she is limited in highlighting the value of the Olympic games, by over emphasizing on the positives.</p>	5
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	<p>used as an experiment to develop the most environmentally sustainable neighbourhood for all, serving as an inspiration for future developments.” Thus source D is useful as it is reliable.</p> <p>E.g. Source D is limited as it shows only the intrinsic value of the Olympic Games and it is limited in showing us the economic value of hosting the games. This can be seen from Source B where the sponsorship from an MNC like coca-cola is massive. Thus, Source D is limited as it is unreliable.</p>	
4	<p>Study Sources E and F. Does Source E make Source F surprising? Assessment Objective Students need to relate to how the sources are surprising Students need to explain the surprise element through comparing both sources Award 0m for no reference of Surprising.</p>	7
Level	Descriptors	Marks
1	Explanation of surprised based on E or F only.	1
2	Explanation of surprised based on provenance of E and F	2
3	Explanation of surprised based on E and F through internal reasoning or false match	3
4	<p><i>Explanation of surprised or not surprised based on comparison of E and F</i> <i>Award higher mark for quality explanations</i> E.g. Source E will not make Source F surprising since they both mention the high cost of building Olympic infrastructure. Source E mentions that the cost in the billions, while Source F mentions that the cost is also in the billions.</p> <p>Source E will not make Source F surprising since they both mention the cutting edge quality of the Olympic infrastructure. This is evident in Source E where ‘The village is used as an experiment to develop the most environmentally sustainable neighbourhood for all, serving as an inspiration for future developments.’ And in F where the shalom canoe is a new invention for Tokyo.</p> <p>However, Source E makes Source F surprising due to the uses of the infrastructure after the Olympic games. Source E mentions that it will be used as a housing village for Parisian as seen from “The</p>	4-5

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4	<p><i>Explanation of surprised or not surprising based on comparison of E and F</i></p> <p><i>Award higher mark for quality explanations</i></p> <p>E.g.</p> <p>Source E will not make Source F surprising since they both mention the high cost of building Olympic infrastructure. Source E mentions that the cost in the billions, while Source F mentions that the cost is also in the billions. This is supported by background information where the idea that cost often surpass budget planned.</p> <p>Source E will not make Source F surprising since they both mention the cutting edge quality of the Olympic infrastructure. This is evident in Source E where ‘The village is used as an experiment to develop the most environmentally sustainable neighbourhood for all, serving as an inspiration for future developments.’ And in Source F where the shalom canoe is a new invention for Tokyo. Also can be supported in background information, where the Olympics serve as a space for innovation.</p> <p>However, Source E makes Source F surprising due to the uses of the infrastructure after the Olympic games. Source E mentions that it will be used as a housing village for Parisian as seen from “The games are the excuse to provide additional housing for people in need of homes”</p> <p>While in Source F, the building will end up as a white elephant and a liability as seen from “while Olympic Village housing that had been converted to condominiums remains on the market.” Further the idea of providing homes for homeless in Source E can be supported by Source A , where Olympics can serve as a way to rehome the homeless, thus surprising me.</p> <p><i>Explanation of not surprised via context of the sources</i></p> <p><i>Source E is published before the hosting of the Olympic games and seeks to be aspirational about what the Olympics can do for the country while source F is after Olympic games, citing examples of what the failures of goals presented before the Olympic games, thus it is not surprising to see the vast differences in tone of the source.</i></p>	6-7

5	'Countries should host the Olympic Games' How far do you agree with the statement	10																		
1	Writes about statement, no valid source use/ specific knowledge	1																		
2	Yes/No, supported by valid source use <i>Award 2 marks for 1 source</i> <i>Award 3 marks for 2 sources</i> <i>Award 4 marks for 3 sources</i>	2-4																		
3	Yes and No, supported by valid source use <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sources</th><th>Yes</th><th>No</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td><td>Yes, should host-opportunity to improve problems in the country like homelessness</td><td>No, should not host. Done for show, will like to hide their problems like homelessness, can spend on more useful endeavours</td></tr> <tr> <td>B</td><td>Yes, should host-can benefit from large sponsorship like Coca-cola</td><td>No, should not host, Coca -cola has too much say in the decision process, lose sovereignty in decision making process</td></tr> <tr> <td>C</td><td>Yes, should host allow people from 200 countries to gather. Popular among people.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>D</td><td>Yes, should host, serve as aspiration for future generation, lift population up.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>E</td><td>Yes should host, build infrastructure for people in need of homes, revitalise neighbourhood,</td><td>No, should not host – too expensive.</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Sources	Yes	No	A	Yes, should host-opportunity to improve problems in the country like homelessness	No, should not host. Done for show, will like to hide their problems like homelessness, can spend on more useful endeavours	B	Yes, should host-can benefit from large sponsorship like Coca-cola	No, should not host, Coca -cola has too much say in the decision process, lose sovereignty in decision making process	C	Yes, should host allow people from 200 countries to gather. Popular among people.		D	Yes, should host, serve as aspiration for future generation, lift population up.		E	Yes should host, build infrastructure for people in need of homes, revitalise neighbourhood,	No, should not host – too expensive.	5-8
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	F	Yes. New and cutting edge technology- canoe shalom	No should not host, too expensive, potential white elephants.	
	<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>E.g. Source B is very limited in explaining why countries should host the Olympics as it comes from the view of a MNC rather than a company, it will not focus on the needs of a country but rather take the perspective of a MNC focusing on profits and economic growth.</p> <p>E.g. The introduction of new sports to the world that relate to the culture of the country or to improve the status of the country hosting the Olympic games are also important reasons why country host the Olympic games.</p> <p>Overall, countries should host the Olympic games based on whether the long term benefits outweigh the cost, in some situation where the Olympic games can serve as a boost for economic and emotional growth in the country especially in tough challenges such as covid 19, the cost of the games can be offset by such benefits.</p>			+2

6 Extract 1 reflects on Singapore's low local food consumption concerns. In your opinion, why is it critical for Singaporeans to support local produce? Explain your answer with reference to two reasons. [7]		
L1	Describes topic without addressing question Singaporeans do not eat much of food produced in Singapore.	1
L2	Identifies / Describes reasons <i>Award 2 marks for identifying one reason and 3 marks for identifying two reasons</i> <i>Award 3 marks for describing one reason</i> <i>Award 4 marks for describing two reasons</i>	2-4
L3	L2 + Explains reasons for suggestions <i>Award 5-6 marks for explaining one reason</i> <i>Award 6-7 marks for explaining two reasons</i> E.g. One reason why Singaporeans need to support local produce is because it is critical to our country's survival. As Singapore relies heavily on food imports, any disruption to the food supply affects our existence. External factors like war, climate change and disease outbreak can disrupt our food production and supply. For example, during the Covid outbreak, there was closure of border and food imports were much reduced. This resulted in temporary shortage of some food into Singapore. <u>So, to reduce this dependency on food imports, supporting local produce is key to ensure resilience of our food supplies. We are not threatened by a shortage of food supply, strengthening our food security.</u> E.g. Another reason why Singaporeans must support local produce is because it is environmentally sustainable, which helps to fight climate change. Local produce incurs less transportation. Shorter travelling distance is required to deliver the produce from farms to table, so less carbon emission which harms the environment. Food currently accounts for <u>over 26% of global greenhouse gas emissions</u> . So Singaporeans can do their part in lowering <u>transport-related emissions</u> by choosing local produce. Opting for local produce also means less energy expended for storage. <u>All these help to reduce our carbon footprint and thus, mitigate the impacts of global warming.</u>	5-7

Extracts 2 and 3 reflect on how efforts by community groups and individuals can improve the well-being of different groups of people in society.

Do you think community groups play a more important role than individuals in addressing the needs of society? Explain your answer. **[8]**

L1	Writes about good of society without addressing the question. E.g. Both community groups and individuals are important in helping to improve the well-being of people in society.	1
L2	Describes given factor(s) – community groups and/ or individuals Award L2/3 for describing community groups OR individuals Award L2/4 for describing community groups AND individuals	2-4
L3	Explain the role of community groups and individuals Award L3/5-6 for explaining community groups OR individuals Award L3/6-7 for explaining community groups AND individuals E.g. <u>Community groups</u> address the needs of the society and they are formed by individuals with a common interest such as helping the elderly, fighting for environmental protection or cruelty against animals. They have clear objectives and are formally registered with the government. For example, RSVP is a formal community group organised by citizens who believe that seniors play a vital role in society and seeks to provide them with meaningful opportunities to contribute to the community. They serve more than 200,00 beneficiaries each year. Some of the beneficiaries are senior patients discharged from hospital care and socially isolated seniors. One such programme is Volunteers in MyBuddy programme which helps recently discharged elderly patients cope well at home. <u>Community groups have a significant impact in the areas of need they are specifically addressing as they can direct collective effort, ideas and resources toward their causes. Their actions help to improve the lives of specific groups of people and thus, greatly benefit society.</u>	5-7

	<p>E.g. <u>Individuals</u> also address the needs of specific groups of people in society. They do so by volunteering their time, efforts and sometimes even contribute money towards meaningful causes that they deeply care about or concern them. For example, Mdm Malligesvari actively contributes by volunteering as an instructor for Age Well Everyday (AWE) programme. AWE promotes active ageing and healthy lifestyle for seniors to reduce the risk of dementia. She teaches seniors how to stay healthy, exercise and keep active through brain-stimulating activities. <u>Individuals Identified the areas of need that they are passionate and concerned about. Their actions can benefit many people directly and the resulted improvements are immediate. As such, they play a crucial role in addressing the needs of the society.</u></p>	
L4	<p>L3 + weigh relative importance of chosen factor</p> <p>E.g. I think community groups play a more important role in addressing the needs of society because their impacts on society are of a greater scale. Given the nature of their set-up, community groups can cover a wider range of interests because of they work collectively. With their access to the government, they can easily highlight the areas that require more attention and bring their concerns directly to the government. Individuals' impacts are of a smaller scale as they are limited in their resources, effort and ideas. Society thus benefits more from the causes championed by community groups.</p>	8