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Additional Materials: Writing Papers and Cover Pages

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

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

Write all answers on the writing papers provided.

Begin **each section on a fresh sheet** of writing paper.

**Section A**

Answer **ALL** parts of the question.

**Section B**

Answer **ALL** parts of the question.

Fasten answers to Section A and B to the respective cover sheets.

**Hand in Section A and Section B separately.**

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This document consists of **6** printed pages.

**[Turn over**

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

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

**1 Working for the Good of 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.

**(a)** Study Source A.

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

**(b)** Study Source B.

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

**(c)** Study Source C.

Does Source C prove that the Singapore society views people with disabilities negatively? Explain your answer. [7]

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

Having read Source D, are you surprised by Source E? Explain your answer. [7]

**(e)** How far do the sources in the case study agree that Singapore has effectively created an inclusive society? Explain your answer. [10]

## Has Singapore effectively created an inclusive society for the disabled?

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

In the last 20 years, Singapore has seen an increase in the number of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) who are aged between 18 to 49 years old, who now make up 3.6% of our population. As such, the Singapore Government has worked actively with community welfare organizations to better support and include the disabled in mainstream society in the past decade, through increased funding for education, therapy services and employment support for persons with special needs and disabilities. The Singapore government is currently working on its 3rd Enabling Masterplan (2017 – 2021) as a guiding framework to provide recommendations and proposed strategies to creating a more inclusive society for PWDs. Singapore has also been a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) since 2012 and is actively committed to building an inclusive society.

Community welfare organisations, such as *Dignity Kitchens* and *Enabling Village*, have come together to show support and accept PWDs by providing training and employment opportunities for them. There has also been a rise in public awareness campaigns to actively include persons of disabilities in our society, in schools, in workplaces and in the public areas. With this acceptance, people with disabilities will be able to have enhanced quality of life.

However, government policies and legislation alone cannot make Singapore a truly inclusive society. 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. A change in attitudes and behaviours towards persons with disabilities will be the cornerstone for building an inclusive society. 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 people with disabilities appropriately. The hard - and heart - part of changing mindsets to accept and include those with disabilities remains a challenge.

Study the following sources to assess whether Singapore has effectively created an inclusive society for Persons with Disabilities.

**Source A:** *Perspectives of Singaporeans of the Inclusive Playground, designed to be used by all children that enables children with disabilities to play and enjoy.*



**Source B:** *A news article of an interview with the founder of Dignity Kitchen, which trains people with disabilities and employs them in the Food and Beverage Industry.*

If I want to help these people, I must teach them skills. Cooking is a skill. If I can train them, they must go out, find a job and earn money. I sought funding from various government agencies, but that did not work out. Hence, 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.

**Source C:** *Key findings from a series of surveys last year by the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) that polled a total of 3,500 people, including caregivers of those with disabilities.*

- 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.
- 57 percent of people with disabilities feel they do not have control over their lives.
- Only 3 percent of the 1400 members of the public polled would be comfortable marrying a person with disability.
- Only 36 percent would be comfortable with being close friends with a disabled person.

**Source D:** *An extract from a speech made by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the official opening of the Enabling Village in 2015.*

Singapore must continue to build a more inclusive society by valuing everyone and through active citizenship. 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, including training and employment support, as well as information and referral services. Singapore is building a fair and just society which respects every individual, particularly those with disabilities. It reflects the government's desire to empower and recognise the disabled, and to give them full opportunity to become integral and contributing members of society. The success of the Enabling Village depends on all of us.

**Source E:** *Adapted from a news article on how Dignity Kitchen has been serving the community*

Member of Parliament for Marine Parade GRC Seah Kian Peng praised Dignity Kitchen's efforts as commendable. He said: "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." But business has not been good as Singaporeans seem to be wary of buying food from disabled hawkers, but the founder of Dignity Kitchen remains enthusiastic about helping the underprivileged. "There will always be people in much more difficult situations than us, so we should do all that we can to help them."

## Section B (Structured-Response Questions)

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

### 2 Living in a Diverse Society

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

#### Extract 1

Mr Seow Ban Yam, an 82-year-old, made headlines in *The Straits Times* in January 2019 when the national public health insurance scheme, MediShield Life, paid only \$4.50 of his subsidized medical bill of \$4,477, because of claim limits set for his eye operations. This saga has raised questions about the affordability of healthcare in Singapore, especially as medical expenditures are already projected to increase amid rising cases of chronic illnesses and an ageing population.

#### Extract 2

To minimise distinctions between the citizens and immigrants, some countries adopt a policy of assimilation. In doing so, the immigrants would be expected to take on the characteristics of the citizens and display a common national identity.

#### Extract 3

In countries where a policy of integration is adopted, differences between the citizens and immigrants are recognised and respected while ensuring that a common identity is established as well. As such, the immigrants will take on the identity shared in the country, yet retain the unique aspects of their own identities.

- (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. [7]

- (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. [8]

#### Copyright Acknowledgements:

- Source A: <https://www.ncss.gov.sg/NCSS/media/NCSS-Documents-and-Forms/NCSS%20Internal%20Documents/Inclusive-Playground-Brochure-Bishan.pdf>  
 Source B: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/cnainsider/money-lost-life-suicide-dignity-kitchen-founder-koh-seng-choon-11524014>  
 Source C: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/health/people-with-disabilities-in-the-spotlight>  
 Source D: <https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/government-economy/singapore-must-continue-to-build-inclusive-society-says-pm-lee>  
 Source E: <https://www.tnp.sg/news/singapore/dignity-kitchen-lends-helping-hand-underprivileged>  
 Extract 1: Adapted from <https://www.theedgesingapore.com/policy-challenge-rising-healthcare-costs>

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