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Section A (Source-Based Case Study)

1 (a) Study Source A.

What does Source A tell you about the public housing policies? Explain your answer. [5]

Qn 1(a)	Level	Suggested Answer	Mark Range [5]
	L1	<p>Answers based on description of the source</p> <p>e.g. Source A tells me that the public housing schemes gives money to the people such as “\$10000 for singles who want to buy houses near their parents”.</p>	[1]
	L2	<p>Infer based on source content, without support <i>Award 2 marks for 1 valid inference.</i> <i>Award 3 marks for 2 valid inferences.</i></p> <p>e.g. Source A tells me that the public housing schemes provides financial assistance to the people.</p> <p>OR/AND</p> <p>e.g. Source A tells me that the public housing schemes caters to the various groups in society who are intending to purchase houses.</p>	[2-3]
	L3	<p>Infer based on source content, with support <i>Award 4 marks for 1 valid inference with support.</i> <i>Award 5 marks for 2 valid inferences with support</i></p> <p>e.g. Source A tells me that the public housing schemes provides financial assistance to the people. From Source A it states that “\$10000 is given to singles who want to buy houses near their parents”. <i>This means that everyone eligible for the public housing available will get subsidy from the government.</i> <i>[Note: Students can give other examples to illustrate the financial assistance.]</i></p> <p>OR/AND</p> <p>e.g. Source A tells me that the public housing schemes caters to the various groups in society who are intending to purchase houses. From Source A, it shows that the public housing schemes caters to singles, first – time buyers and families buying new or re-sale flats. <i>This means that the public housing policies will benefit many groups of people for various reasons.</i></p>	[4-5]

(b) Study Source B.

What is the intention of the author in saying this? Explain your answer. [6]

Qn 1(b)	Level	Suggested Answer	Mark Range [6]
		Note: Answers must be phrased as a reason or zero marks will be awarded	
	L1	<p>Answers based on description/provenance of the source <i>Award 1 mark for description or provenance</i> <i>Award 2 marks for both</i></p> <p>e.g. The author said this to tell us that “Every night, there could be hundreds of people sleeping rough even as so many of us in the country are having a good night’s rest in the safety of our homes.” <i>[Note: Students can quote other statements which relates directly to the housing conditions of the people or the policies.]</i></p> <p>OR/AND</p> <p>e.g. The author said this to show that as a social worker who cares about the state of homelessness in Singapore.</p>	[1-2]
	L2	<p>Answers based message of the source <i>Award 2 marks for main message.</i> <i>Award 3 marks for main message with support.</i></p> <p>e.g. The author said this to state that the public housing schemes do not meet the needs of the people as they are insufficient / inadequate to cater to the housing needs of the different groups of people in Singapore. From the source, it states that “We must adopt a comprehensive approach to fulfil the housing and social security needs of fellow citizens who have fallen through the cracks of our housing schemes.” This means that the criteria given in the schemes are not able to cover / met by certain groups of people which would lead to homelessness.</p>	[3-4]
	L3	<p>Answers based on Purpose of the source <i>Award 4 marks for valid inference</i> <i>Award 5 marks for valid inference with support</i></p> <p>e.g. The author said this to raise awareness [P] that the public housing schemes do not meet the needs of the people as they are insufficient / inadequate to cater to the housing needs of the different groups of people in Singapore [I]. From the source, it states that “We must adopt a comprehensive approach to fulfil the housing and social security needs of fellow citizens who have fallen through the cracks of our housing schemes.” [E]</p>	[5-6]

		This means that the criteria given in the schemes are not able to cover / met by certain groups of people which would lead to homelessness . The author hopes that the government / relevant authorities [A] would take effective measures / steps OR review and refine the existing policies to address the issue of homelessness [O] .	
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(c) Study Sources C and D.

How far will Source C agree with Source D? Explain your answer.

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Qn 1(c)	Level	Suggested Answer	Mark Range [7]
	L1	Agree based on provenance / topic e.g. Both sources will agree as they are both talking about the state of home ownership in Singapore.	[1]
	L2	Agree/Disagree, based on listing of content (With no inference made) e.g. Both source agree that “the widespread availability of HDB flats does make the dream of owning a home more accessible in Singapore” in Source C and “Currently, with extensive housing subsidies by the government, a family earning \$1,500 pays \$26 to under \$100 per month from their CPF account to rent a one-room or two-room HDB flat” in Source D. OR/AND e.g. Both sources disagree that “the widespread availability of HDB flats does make the dream of owning a home more accessible in Singapore” in Source C whereas “The home ownership scheme targeted at rental-flat families starts with good intentions, thinking that it is all for their own good. But it can potentially create extra financial burden on families that are only scraping by” in Source D.	[2]
	L3	Similarity / Difference based on content <i>Award 3 marks for valid inferences</i> <i>Award 4 marks for valid inferences with support</i> e.g. Both source agree that the public housing schemes have made housing available for a large percentage of Singapore / shelter available for the masses . From Source C, it states “the widespread availability of HDB flats does make the dream of owning a home more accessible in Singapore”. Similarly, Source D states that “Currently, with extensive housing subsidies by the government, a family earning \$1,500 pays \$26	[3-4]

		<p>to under \$100 per month from their CPF account to rent a one-room or two-room HDB flat". This means that Singaporeans have housing options available to them.</p> <p>OR/AND</p> <p>e.g. Both sources disagree that the public housing schemes have made ownership of houses affordable for all Singaporeans. From Source C, it states "While it is noticeably more expensive than in the 1980s and 1990s, Singapore's home ownership is at a respectable 90%" whereas in Source D, it states "The home ownership scheme targeted at rental-flat families starts with good intentions, thinking that it is all for their own good. But it can potentially create extra financial burden on families that are only scraping by." This means that not all Singaporeans can afford to own houses due to cost.</p>	
	L4	Both sides in L3	[5]
	L5	<p>Disagree, based on the purpose of the sources <i>Award 6 marks for purpose.</i> <i>Award 7 marks for purpose and outcome.</i></p> <p>e.g. Both sources will disagree as they have different purposes. In Source C, the purpose is to convince [P] Singaporeans [A] that the public housing schemes which have made owning housing available for a large percentage of Singapore / shelter available for the masses. From Source C, it states "the widespread availability of HDB flats does make the dream of owning a home more accessible in Singapore". This is so as to gather support from the citizens for these policies [O]. However in Source D, the purpose is to raise awareness [P] to the government [A] that the public housing schemes have not made ownership of houses affordable for all Singaporeans. Source D, it states "The home ownership scheme targeted at rental-flat families starts with good intentions, thinking that it is all for their own good. But it can potentially create extra financial burden on families that are only scraping by." This is to get the government to review and refine their housing policies to cater to all Singaporeans [O].</p>	[6-7]

- (d) Study Source E.
Are you surprised by this source? Explain your answer.

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Qn 1(d)	Level	Suggested Answer Note: Answers should provide a stand or zero marks will be awarded.	Mark Range [7]
	L1	<p>Surprised/Not surprised, based on provenance/use of content (no inference made) <i>Award 1 mark for provenance/description. Award 2 marks for both.</i></p> <p>e.g. I am surprised / not surprised as it is from Mr Mah Bow Tan, ex-minister of MND.</p> <p>OR/AND</p> <p>e.g. I am surprised / not surprised as it states that “ HDB provides not just a roof over the heads of more than 80 per cent of Singaporeans.”</p>	[1-2]
	L2	<p>Surprised/Not surprised, based on content <i>Award 3 marks for an inference, with no supported. Award 4 marks for relevant support.</i></p> <p>e.g. I am surprised / not surprised as it states that the public housing schemes have made owning houses accessible to a large number of Singaporeans / the masses. From the source, it states that “HDB provides not just a roof over the heads of more than 80 per cent of Singaporeans.” This means that Singaporeans has access to shelter for themselves and their family.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>e.g. I am surprised / not surprised as it states that the public housing schemes have given Singaporeans / the masses a stake in the country / a sense of belonging. From the source, it states that “It also creates new communities, forging new ties and new memories for a young nation.” This means that Singaporeans feel at home in the estates that they have bought their houses in.</p>	[3-4]

	L3	<p>Surprised / Not surprised, based on cross-reference <i>Award 5 marks for valid cross reference for one side.</i> <i>Award 6 marks for valid cross references for both sides.</i> <i>[Note: Students can only CR to the inference on accessibility of houses.]</i></p> <p>e.g. e.g. I am surprised as it states that the public housing schemes have made owning houses accessible to a large number of Singaporeans / the masses. From the source, it states that “HDB provides not just a roof over the heads of more than 80 per cent of Singaporeans.” This means that Singaporeans has access to shelter for themselves and their family. This is contradicted by Source B which states that the public housing schemes are insufficient / inadequate to cater to the housing needs of the different groups of people in Singapore. From the source, it states that “We must adopt a comprehensive approach to fulfil the housing and social security needs of fellow citizens who have fallen through the cracks of our housing schemes.” This means that the criteria given in the schemes are not able to cover / met by certain groups of people which would lead to homelessness.</p> <p>OR/AND</p> <p>e.g. e.g. I am not surprised as it states that the public housing schemes have made owning houses accessible to a large number of Singaporeans / the masses. From the source, it states that “HDB provides not just a roof over the heads of more than 80 per cent of Singaporeans.” This means that Singaporeans has access to shelter for themselves and their family. This is supported by Source which states that the public housing schemes have made housing available for a large percentage of Singapore / shelter available for the masses. From Source C, it states “the widespread availability of HDB flats does make the dream of owning a home more accessible in Singapore”.</p>	[5-6]
	L4	<p>Not surprised, based on the provenance <i>Award 6 marks for provenance (bias, purpose and outcome).</i> <i>Award 7 marks for provenance (bias, PIEAO).</i></p> <p>e.g. I am not surprised by Source E as it is from an ex-minister from MND [who]. As the minister from MND who is responsible for public housing in Singapore, he is expected to say that the public housing policies meets the needs of the people [what]. This is exactly what he said, that is the public housing schemes have made owning houses accessible to a large number of Singaporeans / the masses. From the source, it</p>	[6-7]

		states that “HDB provides not just a roof over the heads of more than 80 per cent of Singaporeans.” This means that Singaporeans has access to shelter for themselves and their family. From this, I am not surprised as he wants to convince [P] Singaporeans [A] that the public housing policies are meeting everyone’s needs so that Singaporeans will accept the policies and support them [O].	
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- (e) How far do the sources in the case study show that the public housing schemes have met the needs of the people? Explain your answer. [10]

Qn 1(e)	Level	Suggested Answer	Mark Range [10]
	L1	<p>Writes about statement with no valid use of the source <i>Award 1 mark for one statement, to a maximum of 2 marks.</i></p> <p>e.g. The public housing policies are to provide strong government support and provision of financial aid in the form of subsidies and housing loans.</p>	[1-2]
	L2	<p>Yes / No, supported by valid use of sources <i>Award 3-4m for use of 1 source.</i> <i>Award 4-5m for use of 2 sources.</i> <i>Award 5-6m for use of 3 sources.</i></p> <p>e.g. Yes, the public housing policies have been able to meet the needs of the people as shown from Sources A, C and E.</p> <p>Source A shows that the public housing schemes provides financial assistance to the people. From Source A, it states that “\$10000 is given to singles who want to buy houses near their parents”. Therefore, everyone eligible for public housing available will get subsidy from the government. As a result, people’s housing needs are met as they are given shelter.</p> <p>Source C states that the public housing schemes have made housing available for a large percentage of Singapore / shelter available for the masses. From Source C, it states “the widespread availability of HDB flats does make the dream of owning a home more accessible in Singapore”. Therefore, Singaporeans have housing options available to them. As a result, owning a house is not an issue for Singaporeans.</p> <p>Source E states that the public housing schemes have given Singaporeans / the masses a stake in the country / a sense of belonging. From the source, it states that “It also creates new communities, forging new ties and new memories for a young nation.” Therefore, Singaporeans feel at home in the estates that they have bought their houses in. As a result, owning a house has been made a reality for them.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>e.g. No, the public housing policies have not been able to meet the needs of the people as shown from Sources B and D.</p>	[3-6]

		<p>Source B states that the public housing schemes do not meet the needs of the people as they are insufficient / inadequate to cater to the housing needs of the different groups of people in Singapore. From the source, it states that “We must adopt a comprehensive approach to fulfil the housing and social security needs of fellow citizens who have fallen through the cracks of our housing schemes.” Therefore, the criteria given in the schemes are not able to cover / met by certain groups of people which would lead to homelessness. As a result, the need for housing has not been fulfilled by the schemes.</p> <p>Source D states that the public housing schemes have not made ownership of houses affordable for all Singaporeans. From Source D, it states “The home ownership scheme targeted at rental-flat families starts with good intentions, thinking that it is all for their own good. But it can potentially create extra financial burden on families that are only scraping by.” Therefore, not all Singaporeans can afford to own houses due to cost. As a result, not all Singaporeans have a proper shelter to call their own.</p>	
	L3	<p>Yes and No, supported by valid use of sources <i>Both elements of L2.</i> <i>Marks Allocation:</i> <i>Award 7m for use of 2 sources (1Y+1N)</i> <i>Award 8m for use of 3 sources (1Y+2N/ 2Y+1N)</i> <i>Award 9-10 for use of 4 sources (2Y+2N)</i></p>	[7-10]

Section B

- (a) Extract 1 states that there has been an increase in the number of foreigners in Singapore from 2014 to 2016.

In your opinion, why do there think foreigners choose to come to Singapore. Explain your answer with reference to **one** reason. [7]

Level	Suggested Answer	Marks
L1	<p>Describes the topic</p> <p>There has been an increase in the number of foreigners in Singapore. This shows us that foreigners choose to come to Singapore to live and work.</p>	[1-2]
L2	<p>Identifies / Describes Reasons <i>Award 3 marks for stating a factor. Award 4 marks for describing one factor, up to a maximum of 5 marks.</i></p> <p>One reason why foreigners choose to come to Singapore is due to the economic opportunities present in Singapore. According to the World Bank Survey in 2014, Singapore was ranked the most conducive business environment. In Singapore, employment opportunities are readily available due to the large number of businesses that operate here. The ease of doing business, growth potential, stable political environment and well-established judiciary system attract global investors such as MNCs. These MNCs include the LOREAL group which offers a variety of positions for job seekers like counter managers, beauty advisors and managerial positions.</p> <p>OR / AND</p> <p>One reason why foreigners choose to come to Singapore is due to our socio-cultural environment. Singapore's socio-cultural environment appeals to foreigners due to our quality education system as well as safe environment. For example, Singapore's education system is well-recognised and admired for its effectiveness and high standards. Our schools offer high standards of certification and a wide range of courses, from the Sciences, Engineering, Humanities, Arts, and vocational skills. Lastly, Singapore was ranked the second safest country in the world by the World Justice Project, and crime rates have been declining since 2005.</p>	[3-5]
L3	<p>L2 + Explains Reason <i>Award 6 marks for explaining one factor, to a maximum of 7 marks.</i></p>	[6-7]

	<p>One reason why foreigners choose to come to Singapore is due to the economic opportunities present in Singapore. According to the World Bank Survey in 2014, Singapore was ranked the most conducive business environment. In Singapore, employment opportunities are readily available due to the large number of businesses that operate here. The ease of doing business, growth potential, stable political environment and well-established judiciary system attract global investors such as MNCs. These MNCs include the LOREAL group which offers a variety of positions for job seekers like counter managers, beauty advisors and managerial positions. Therefore, foreigners choose to come to Singapore due to the economic opportunities that allow them to seek employment and further their career. With better employment prospects, they can receive more salary. As a result, these foreigners will be better able to support their families, offering them a better quality of life.</p> <p>OR / AND</p> <p>One reason why foreigners choose to come to Singapore is due to our socio-cultural environment. Singapore's socio-cultural environment appeals to foreigners due to our quality education system as well as safe environment. For example, Singapore's education system is well-recognised and admired for its effectiveness and high standards. Our schools offer high standards of certification and a wide range of courses, from the Sciences, Engineering, Humanities, Arts, and vocational skills. Lastly, Singapore was ranked the second safest country in the world by the World Justice Project, and crime rates have been declining since 2005. Therefore, foreigners choose to come to Singapore due to the socio-cultural environment that provides quality education and safety. With a quality education, foreigners would have more confidence that they are better able to secure jobs in the future and provide for themselves. This is especially important for foreigners who come to Singapore with their families. As a result, foreigners would be able to feel at home in Singapore, and they are able to thrive with the education and security given.</p>	
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- (b) Extracts 2 and 3 reflect the positive and negative experiences of living in a diverse society.

Explain the exchange and appreciation of culture as well as prejudice and misconceptions that can occur in a diverse society. [8]

Level	Suggested Answer	Marks
L1	<p>Writes about the topic (i.e. living in a diverse society) but without addressing the question.</p> <p>e.g. There is both the exchange and appreciation of culture as well as prejudice and misconception in a diverse society.</p>	[1-2]
L2	<p>Describes the factors <i>Award 3 marks for describing one factor, to a maximum of 4 marks. Award 5 marks for describing both factors.</i></p> <p>E.g. Living in a diverse society can lead to the exchange and appreciation of culture. Our diverse society provides people with many opportunities to interact and learn from those who hail from different countries and cultures. This can result in a fusion between local cultures and foreign ideas. This fusion can result in interesting outcomes, as seen in areas such as food, music and fashion. Food is one prominent area that shows fusion of culture. One such chef who specializes in fusion food is chef Willin Low. He has created fusion food between Singapore and European dining. One example is the soft shell chili crab with squid ink mantou.</p> <p>OR / AND</p> <p>E.g. Living in a diverse society can lead to prejudice and misconceptions. Negative sentiments can arise when people jump to conclusions about others and make incorrect judgements due to insufficient understanding and erroneous assumptions. Stereotypes are beliefs held by one social group about another social group. Some of these stereotypes can be negative and are known as prejudices, which are negative conclusions about people. Threats to diversity may occur as prejudices may lead to discrimination against the victims, who are either hurt or excluded from the interactions in a diverse society. Religious and racial prejudice has led to discriminatory behavior towards groups of people. Arabs and Muslim-Americans became victims of hate crimes in America after the 9 / 11 terrorist attacks. Many Arabs and Muslim-Americans were stopped for questioning by public officers because of their appearance or Muslim names.</p>	[3-4]
L3	<p>Explains the factor(s) <i>Award 6 marks for explaining one factor. Award 7-8 marks for explaining both factors.</i></p>	6-8

	<p>e.g. L2 + Therefore, the exchange and appreciation of culture provides many opportunities to interact and learn from those who hail from different countries and cultures. This encourages communication and bonding between those who come from different countries and cultures. As a result, there is an attitude of openness which allows people to respect and appreciate diversity, which facilitates meaningful exchanges.</p> <p>OR / AND</p> <p>e.g. L2 + Therefore, the prejudice and misconception might threaten the diversity in a country and might lead to an environment where discrimination against its victims can happen more often. As a result, certain groups might experience hurt or exclusion from interactions in a diverse society.</p>	
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