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**Section A – Source Based Case Study**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Study Source A.</b></p> <p><b>Are you surprised by what Source A says about how migrant workers are treated in Qatar? Explain your answer.</b></p>	<p><b>Type of Question: Surprise</b></p>
	<p><b>Focus of answer MUST BE on <u>how migrant workers are treated in Qatar</u> as it is clearly mentioned in the question.</b></p> <p><b>In this case study, <u>ONLY Source E can be used for cross-referencing</u> as it is the only other source talking about Qatar's treatment of migrant workers.</b></p> <p><b>Sources B, C, and D CANNOT be used for cross-referencing as it is not about Qatar.</b></p> <p><b>Cross-referencing support</b></p> <p><u>I am not surprised when Source A says that migrant workers in Qatar are not well treated (A) as it is supported by Source E (LOR). Both Sources A and E suggests that migrant workers in Qatar are not well-treated (CC). In Source A, it states that 'Qatar recognised the need for changes, because the working conditions were at times unacceptable and because of that laws were put in place.' This implies that the working conditions in Qatar were less than ideal and harmful for migrant workers. Source E also shows that migrant workers are working in hazardous conditions as evident by them working under the blazing sun and looking haggard and overworked. (EE)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Answer the question</li> <li>● Line of reasoning (LOR)</li> <li>● Common criteria</li> <li>● Comparative word</li> <li>● Evidence</li> <li>● Explanation</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Not surprised due to Source C's vested interest in portraying Qatar positively to the world.</b></p> <p>I am not surprised <b>(A)</b> as it is expected <b>(LOR)</b>. It would be expected that the <u>Qatari World Cup chief <b>(WHO)</b> spoke positively on their treatment of the migrant workers <b>(WHAT)</b> as it was in their best interest to show themselves as a nation that strove to continually improve the well being of its workers and thus depict Qatar as a caring and responsible host <b>(WHY)</b></u>. This is evident by 'changed perceptions of the Middle East region and transformed my country and allowed us to showcase the best in us,' and 'a workers' support insurance fund that will be looking into any matters relating to unfortunate deaths and this invaluable assistance will continue beyond the World Cup.'  <b>(Evidence)</b> As such, <u>I am not surprised that Source A depicts itself in a good light as it was important for Qatar to improve its credibility on the world stage through examples of its positive effort for the migrant workers. This is so that they can correct their negative image of being allegedly guilty or migrant worker abuse and poor working conditions.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer the question</li> <li>• Line of reasoning (LOR)</li> <li>• Who</li> <li>• What</li> <li>• When</li> <li>• Why</li> <li>• Explanation of why is it surprising / not surprising</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Study Sources B and C.</b></p> <p><b>To what extent are the sources different? Explain your answer. [6]</b></p>	<p><b>Type of Question:</b></p> <p><b>Comparison</b></p>
	<p><b>Comparison based on Content</b></p> <p>Both sources are <u>similar <b>(A)</b> as both sources shows the presence of groups that try to help migrant workers <b>(CC)</b></u>. This is evident in Source B where the director of the migrant rights groups said that 'There is a huge number of job scams that are happening where workers are trafficked to Malaysia without jobs but using formal working visas.' This means that there is effort in creating a different perception on the challenges that migrants may face. Similarly, Source C says that 'aid workers working for the Emergency Response Centre International... were involved in search and rescue operations at sea.' This clearly shows the physical efforts in preventing harm from befalling the migrants.</p> <p>Both sources are <u>different <b>(A)</b> with regards to government actions in responding to migrant workers <b>(CC)</b></u>. Source B says that 'three</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer the question</li> <li>• Common criteria</li> <li>• Comparative word</li> <li>• Evidence</li> <li>• Explanation</li> </ul>

	<p>government officials attached to a former Human Resource Minister's office were arrested as part of a corruption investigation into the illegal recruitment of migrant workers.' However, Source C says that 'The captain of a Dutch rescue ship, was arrested in June 2019 by Italian authorities and investigated for aiding the entry of migrants after her crew landed 40 people they had rescued.' This means that while Source B shows that the government is putting effort to protect migrant workers through reducing illegal recruitment of migrant workers, Source C actually shows that governments in this scenario are working hard to reduce the influx of migrant workers to their land based on their own immigration policies.</p>	
3	<p>How useful is Source D as evidence on how governments respond to the rights of migrant workers? Explain your answer. (6)</p>	<p>Type of Question; Usefulness</p>
	<p><b>Please remember that for USEFUL question, YOU MUST MENTION RELIABILITY IN YOUR ANSWER!!!!!!</b></p> <p>Useful based on cross-referencing</p>	

	<p>Source D is <b>useful</b> in showing me that a government respond to the rights of the migrant workers effectively <b>as it is reliable</b> as it is <b>supported by Source A</b>. <u>Both sources suggest that governments can respond to the rights of the migrant workers effectively (CC)</u>. This is evident in Source D which says, 'every migrant worker can access quality and affordable primary medical care at 10 dedicated medical centres and affiliated clinics, as well as through 24-hour teleconsultations, under the Primary Care Plan.' This means that measures are put in place to support the migrant workers in healthcare. This is evident in Source A which says 'workers' support insurance fund that will be looking into any matters relating to unfortunate deaths and this invaluable assistance will continue beyond the World Cup. This means that government has implemented measures to ensure that migrant workers are supported in going through their challenges.</p> <p><b>Not Useful based on cross-referencing</b></p> <p>Source D is <b>less useful</b> in showing me that a government respond to the rights of the migrant workers effectively <b>as it is unreliable</b> as it is <b>refuted by Source C</b>. <u>Source D suggest that governments can respond to the rights of the migrant workers effectively while Source C suggests that governments have not responded to the rights of the government effectively (CC)</u>. This is evident in Source D which says, 'every migrant worker can access quality and affordable primary medical care at 10 dedicated medical centres and affiliated clinics, as well as through 24-hour teleconsultations, under the Primary Care Plan.' Source C shows that governments don't really care about migrant workers as they arrested groups who tried to rescue migrant workers at sea and keep them safe. This is evident by 'captain of a Dutch rescue ship, was arrested in June 2019 by Italian authorities and investigated for aiding the entry of migrants after her crew landed 40 people they had rescued.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer the question</li> <li>• Common criteria</li> <li>• Comparative word</li> <li>• Evidence</li> <li>• Explanation</li> </ul>
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4	<p><b>Study Source E.</b></p> <p><b>What is the message of this source? Explain your answer. [7]</b></p>	<p><b>Type of Question:</b></p> <p><b>Inference</b></p>
	<p><b>Message and Author's attitude, explained in context.</b></p> <p>The message of the source is that the <u>cartoonist is critical and against</u> the rapacious and <u>selfish nature of the Qatari officials / government</u> who in their quest to run a successful World Cup, sacrifice the well-being and safety of the exploited migrant workers. This is evidenced by the workers being in shackles and dressed in torn clothes and working under the hot blazing sun while the Qatari official is sitting comfortably on the camel with bags of money surrounding him.</p>	
5	<p><b>How far do the sources in the case study show that the efforts to protect the rights of migrant workers has been successful globally? Explain your answer. [10]</b></p>	<p><b>Type of Question:</b></p> <p><b>AAC</b></p>
	<p><b>This is an ABS question.</b></p> <p><b>Must have 2 sources agree AND 2 sources disagree.</b></p> <p><b>Source A shows (A)</b> that the effort has been successful. This is evident by 'There is also a workers' support insurance fund that will be looking into any matters relating to unfortunate deaths and this invaluable assistance will continue beyond the World Cup.' <b>(B)</b> This shows that it has been successful <u>as it can give a stronger peace of mind and closure (S1)</u> to the families and victims of work accidents. With this insurance. <u>workers can be reassured that their needs will be taken care off (S2)</u>, even if they succumb to workplace accidents.</p> <p><b>Source B shows (A)</b> that the effort has been successful. This is evident by 'In May last year, three government officials attached to a former ministers' office were arrested as part of a corruption investigation into the illegal recruitment of migrant workers.' <b>(B)</b> This means that governments can enact laws that <u>can potentially reduce the number of migrant workers that may be exploited (S1)</u>. This means that due to <u>increased government policing effort, the numbers of corrupt and dishonest individuals who takes advantage of migrant</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer the question</li> <li>• Best Evidence</li> <li>• Sequence of outcomes</li> </ul>

	<p>workers can be reduced <b>(S2)</b> and thus reducing further instances of migrants falling victim <b>(S3)</b>.</p> <p><b>Source A disagrees (A)</b> as it shows that it is not successful. This is evident in Source A where it says 'There were 414 migrant deaths on wider Qatari infrastructure from 2014 to 2020, but only three happened during the building of stadiums.' <b>(B) This means that governments are not doing their part to keep migrant workers safe (S1).</b> The high number of deaths would mean that <u>migrant workers are not well protected in Qatar and safety measures may not have been widely enforced and practiced (S2).</u> This thus such the failure of protecting their rights.</p> <p><b>Source C disagrees (A)</b> as it shows that it is not successful. This is evident by 'the governments of Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, and Spain have started over 60 court cases against Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) ships.' <b>(B) This means that NGOs ability to help and rescue migrant workers is being limited by governmental policy of some countries. Because of this court cases and the NGOs involved, they would not be able to divert their energy and resources to continually assist in rescuing migrant workers stuck at sea (S1).</b> This will then increase the likelihood that they will meet injury and death <b>(S2)</b> especially at their perilous journey by the sea.</p>	
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## Section B – SRQ

6	<p><b>Extract 1 shows Singapore’s Smart Nation initiatives that aims to transform and improve Singapore.</b></p> <p><b>In your opinion, how can Singapore benefit from being a Smart Nation? Explain your answer with reference to one benefit. [7]</b></p>	
	<p><b>Only need to write about 1 benefit.</b></p> <p><b><u>Example 1:</u></b></p> <p><b>D:</b> One benefit for Singapore from being a Smart Nation is <b>the potential of having improved safety on roads through the use of autonomous vehicles</b>. <b>E:</b> Examples include self-driving autonomous cars, robotaxi or robo-car. These are vehicles that are capable of operating with reduced or no human input. Self-driving cars are responsible for all driving activities, such as perceiving the environment, monitoring important systems, and controlling the vehicle, which includes navigating from origin to destination. <b>O+L:</b> This is because autonomous vehicles will not run the risk of having human error as a factor, especially as it will not be affected by aspects such as being tired or lacking focus when driving. Hence, there will be</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Describe</i></li> <li>• <i>Example</i></li> <li>• <i>Outcomes</i></li> <li>• <i>Link</i></li> </ul>

	<p>less risks of accidents on the roads. Hence, making the roads safer for everyone to use.</p> <p><b><u>Example 2:</u></b></p> <p><b>D:</b> One benefit for Singapore from being a Smart Nation is <b>increased convenience and efficiency</b> where for example through contactless payments Singaporeans can cut down on travel time and make orders through their phones and apps and have items delivered at their doorstep. <b>E:</b> For example, contactless payment platforms such as Grab Pay and Alipay can be used to make payments through online food ordering platforms such as Food Panda and Grabfood. <b>O+L:</b> This means that people can save more time and be able to spend more time doing other things that they enjoy like spending time with family instead of wasting precious time to travel to places and queuing to buy dinner. This would allow people to also do more tasks at the same time and be more productive in their daily lives.</p>	
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7	<p><b>Extracts 2 and 3 are about the responses to the economic impacts of globalisation by governments and individuals.</b></p> <p><b>Explain what governments and individuals can do to manage the economic challenges of globalisation. [8]</b></p>	
	<p><b><u>Given Factor 1: Government</u></b></p> <p>Governments can manage the economic challenges of globalisation through creating more bilateral and multilateral free trade agreements with other countries <b>(D)</b>. <u>One example is the Singapore-Australia FTA (SAFTA) where tariffs on all imported goods are removed, and the</u></p>	<p>• <i>Describe</i></p>

	<p>period of stay granted to business visitors from both countries increased from one to three months <b>(E)</b>. As a result, trade become less costly and easier to carry out <b>(O1)</b>. This can help governments grow their economy and enhance profits <b>(O2)</b>. It can also help grow the economy as business partnerships are encouraged thus increasing the potential of employment opportunities for their people <b>(O3)</b>.</p> <p><b><u>Second Factor: Individuals</u></b></p> <p>Individuals can manage the economic challenges of globalisation through upskilling and education. They can pursue additional education, vocational training, or online courses <b>(D)</b>. For example, workers are able to upgrade themselves by learning new skills and going for training especially through their Skills Future Credits to gain skills that are in demand globally <b>(E)</b>. All Singaporeans 25 years old and above are given \$500 SkillsFuture credit <b>(E)</b> to use to upskill themselves. With this, Singaporean <b>can enhance their employability and adaptability (O1) in a changing job market and ultimately increase their chances of having more job options (O2) and even be eligible for roles that can provide a higher pay (O3). Hence, Singaporeans become attractive to employers and will be able to secure jobs (O4).</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Example</i></li> <li>• <i>Outcomes</i></li> <li>• <i>Link</i></li> </ul>
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