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**Marking Guide**

**Section A: Source-Based Case Study**

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	<p><b>Study Source A.</b>  <b>Do you think the cartoonist is a supporter of Britain leaving the European Union? Explain your answer, using details of the cartoon.</b></p> <p><b>L1      Valid interpretation of the source, but does not answer directly to if the cartoonist is a supporter      [1]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. Britain made a wrong choice to leave the EU.</i></p> <p><b>L2      Answers based on misinterpretation of the source      [2]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. The cartoonist is not a supporter of Britain leaving the EU as they are going to sink together with the boat that represents EU.</i></p> <p><b>L3      Answers that does not provide a reason for the decision being a right choice      [3]</b>  <b>i.e. repeating of issue question</b></p> <p><i>e.g. The cartoonist is not a supporter of Britain leaving the EU as it is the right decision for them.</i></p> <p><b>L4      Valid interpretation of the source, providing reason for the decision being a right choice      [4-5]</b></p> <p>Award higher mark for supported answers.</p> <p><i>e.g. The cartoonist is a supporter of Britain leaving the EU as Britain will be able to escape all the problems that is facing EU that will eventually cause the whole union to collapse. This is evident from the large boat with the EU flag surrounded with problems such as economic failure, political correctness, debts and immigration.. This means that there are a lot of problems that the EU is facing and they are such severe problems that it was almost impossible to solve. At the same time, the cartoon also shows a small boat representing Britain rowing away from the main EU boat towards the peaceful sea with a bright sun. This means that the Brexit allows Britain to escape all the potential problems they might face if they continue to stay in the EU. [5]</i></p>	5

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1(b)	<p><b>Study Source B.</b>  <b>Why was this source published at this time? Explain your answer.</b></p> <p><b>L1      Answers based on the provenance of the source      [1]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. The Washington Time is a newspaper that publishes current world issues so they are just posting daily new about Brexit.</i></p> <p><b>L2      Answers based on context      [2]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. The Washington Time published this article as Brexit was around the corner.</i></p> <p><i>e.g. The Washington Time published this article as they wanted to point out that Brexit was a wrong choice for Britain.</i></p> <p><b>L3      Answer based on message of the source      [3-4]</b></p> <p>Award higher mark for supported answers.</p> <p><i>e.g. The source was published as Britain's choice to leave the European Union will bring about negative consequences to the country. This is evident from "The government's own analysis projects that the economy would shrink by 6.3 percent to 9 percent after around 15 years." This means that Britain will face negative economic impact because of Brexit. [4]</i></p> <p><b>L4      L3 + Answers based on the purpose of the source      [5-6]</b></p> <p>Award 5 marks for the use of invalid purpose words</p> <p><i>e.g. The source was published to warn the British citizens about the negative impacts that might be caused by Brexit, so that the British citizens will pressurize the government to come up with solutions to deal with such negative consequences. This is evident from "The government's own analysis projects that the economy would shrink by 6.3 percent to 9 percent after around 15 years." This means that Britain will face negative economic impact because of Brexit [6]</i></p>	6

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1(c)	<p><b>Study Sources C and D.</b>  <b>Do you think the writer of Source C agrees with the author of Source D about the impacts facing Brexit? Explain your answer.</b></p> <p><b>L1      Agree/Disagree, based on provenance      [1]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. Source C agrees with Source D as they are both news articles published online. [1]</i>  <i>e.g. Source C disagrees with Source D as they are from different news agencies. [1]</i></p> <p><b>L2      False Matching      [2]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. Source C agrees with source D in terms of the negative economic impact of Brexit.</i></p> <p><b>L3      Agree OR Disagree in content      [3-4]</b></p> <p>Award higher mark for supported answers.</p> <p><i>e.g. The sources agree with each other that Britain will face negative consequences due Brexit. This is evident from C “The vote to leave the European Union in June 2016 caused the pound to weaken dramatically and ushered in years of uncertainty that has reduced economic activity and triggered a slump in investment.” This is also evident from D “A British exit from the EU without a deal would have “an immediate and drastic” impact on availability of medicines and vaccines as well as affecting health system funding and staffing” Both sources show that Britain will be harmed due to the decision</i></p> <p><i>e.g The sources disagree in terms of the type of negative consequence Brixit brings to the country. Source C says it impacts the country financially while Source D says that it impacts the country in terms of healthcare services. This is evident from C “The vote to leave the European Union in June 2016 caused the pound to weaken dramatically and ushered in years of uncertainty that has reduced economic activity and triggered a slump in investment.” This means that Britain’s market and economy will be harmed due to Brexit. On the other hand, evident from D “A British exit from the EU without a deal would have “an immediate and drastic” impact on availability of medicines and vaccines as well as affecting health system funding and staffing” This means that Brexit causes negative impacts to Britain in terms of availability of healthcare services in the country</i></p>	7

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1(c)	<p><b>L4 Both aspects of L3 [5-6]</b></p> <p>Award the higher mark for clear similarity and difference, supported from both sources.</p> <p><b>L5 Similarity in purpose of the source [7]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. Sources agree in terms of purpose. Both sources wants to convince the British Citizens that Brexit would bring about negative consequences to their lives, so that they would pressurize the government to revoke to the decision of Brexit.</i></p> <p><i>e.g. Sources agree in terms of purpose. Both sources wants to convince the British government that Brexit brings about negative consequences to the country, so they they will be more prepared to tackle the problems and improve the lives of British citizens after the withdrawal from EU.</i></p>	

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1(d)	<p><b>Study Source E.</b>  <b>How surprised are you by this source? Explain your answer.</b></p> <p><b>L1 Uses source content but no statement of surprise [1]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. There are a lot of immigrants in Britain.</i></p> <p><b>L2 Identifies elements of surprise, but no explanation of why [2]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. I am surprised that there are so many foreign workers and immigrants in Britain.</i></p> <p><b>L3 Surprise/Not Surprised: common sense reasoning [3-4]</b></p> <p>Award higher mark for more fully developed answers</p> <p><i>e.g. I am surprised by the source. The source initially blamed the immigration problem on the open door policy of the EU and claims that there was a huge increase in immigration due to the EU countries. However, the source later states that there are "2.93 million workers from outside the EU" which meaning to say that actually the problems associated with immigration is not caused by EU member countries. [4]</i></p> <p><b>L4 Surprised/Not Surprised: cross-reference [5-6]</b></p> <p>Award 5 mark for answers that do not state reliability</p> <p><i>e.g. I am surprised by this source that shows leaving the EU is a right choice for Britain. This is evident from source E "Many acknowledged that the pace of immigration had led to some difficulties with housing and service provision" This means that with their withdrawal from EU, Britain will have lesser problems in the country. This is contradicted by source D which shows that leaving the EU was a wrong choice for Britain. Evident from D "A British exit from the EU without a deal would have "an immediate and drastic" impact on availability of medicines and vaccines as well as affecting health system funding and staffing" This means that Brexit causes negative impacts to Britain in terms of availability of healthcare services in the country. Since Source E is contradicted by E, I am surprised by what it says. [6]</i></p> <p><b>L5 Not surprised: explained through purpose [7]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. I am not surprised that this source claims leaving the EU was a right choice for Britain. It is by a British news website and Britain voted to leave the EU. So it does not surprise me that they try to portray being part of the EU as a problem to convince the British Citizens that it was a right choice for Britain.</i></p>	7



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2(a)	<p><b>Extract 1 shows that Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) face difficulty when competing with Multinational Corporations (MNCs).</b></p> <p><b>In your opinion, how can the government help the SMEs to remain competitive in a globalised world? Explain your answer using one strategy.</b></p> <p><b>L1 Describes the topic i.e. SMEs in Singapore [1-2]</b></p> <p><i>e.g. More and more SMEs are finding it more difficult to stay competitive in a globalised world as they need to compete against larger companies with more capital. [1]</i></p> <p><b>L2 Identifies / Describes strategy [3-5]</b></p> <p>Award 3 marks for identifying a strategy. Award 4-5 marks for describing a strategy.</p> <p><i>e.g. The government can help the SMEs to remain competitive by giving them financial support. SMEs are unable to compete with larger companies like the MNCs as they lack funding to expanding their production line, market share or extensive marketing of products. For example, government can offer product promotion funding to SMEs where when they have a new and original product, the government subsidises their advertisement costs on TV, Newspaper or even posters at bus stops. [5]</i></p> <p><b>L3 L2 + Explains strategy [6-7]</b></p> <p>Award higher mark for clear explanation of reason.</p> <p><i>e.g L2 + This way, it reduces the financial burden on the SMEs to promote their product to the customers. Through advertisements, more customers will know the product and when it gains popularity, it enable to SMEs to be able to gain a larger market share and be competitive against larger companies in a globalised world.[7]</i></p>	7

