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**DUNEARN SECONDARY SCHOOL  
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2021  
HUMANITIES**

## PAPER 1 SOCIAL STUDIES

**SECONDARY FOUR NORMAL ACADEMIC**

**Duration: 1h 45 min**

**Syllabus:**  
**2175/01, 2176/01**

**1030 – 1215hr**

**13 August 2021**

## Friday

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your name, class and index number on both the question paper and writing paper.  
Write in dark blue or black pen.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters or correction fluid.  
At the end of the examination, fasten your answers securely.  
You'll be required to hand in the question paper and answer script separately.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question.

For Section A [35 marks]  
Answer **all** questions.

For Section B [15 marks]  
Answer **both** questions.

<b>Section A</b>	<b>/ 35 m</b>
<b>Section B</b>	<b>/ 15 m</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>/ 50 m</b>

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This paper consists of 7 printed pages including the cover page.

### SECTION A (Source-Based Case Study)

Answer **all** questions.

## Exploring Citizenship and Governance

Study the Background Information and the sources carefully, and then answer **all** the questions.

You may use any of the sources to help you to 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 can you learn from the source about the roles of individuals in addressing the issue of homelessness in Singapore? Explain your answer. [5]
- 2 Study Source B.  
  
Why did the researchers from the school of public policy publish this report? Explain your answer. [6]
- 3 Study Source C.  
  
How useful is this source as evidence about whether building shelters help to reduce homelessness? Explain your answer. [7]
- 4 Study Sources D and E.  
  
Having read Source D, are you surprised by Source E? Explain your answer. [7]
- 5 How far do the sources show that there are enough efforts to help the homeless in Singapore? Explain your answer. [10]

### Are there enough efforts to help the homeless in Singapore?

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

Singapore has one of the highest rates of home ownership in the world, but homelessness still exists. Homelessness refers to a situation where a person does not have a stable place to live in, causing them to live on the streets. Homeless persons may have a house but choose not to stay there due to conflicts with family or their flatmates. A lack of sense of self-worth may also prevent them from seeking help. The causes of homelessness in Singapore are often misunderstood, but in recent years, efforts have been made to better understand the issue. In November 2019, Singapore's first nationwide count of the number of homeless persons was published in a report. It estimated that there are about 1,000 homeless people. The report also gave a more in-depth study about the issue of homelessness in Singapore. The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), together with other agencies, have also stepped up on efforts to help the homeless.

Study the following sources to find out if there are enough efforts to help the homeless in Singapore.

**Source A:** A photograph showing a group of volunteers getting ready for a befriending session, published by the Homeless Hearts of Singapore (HHOS). HHOS is a community initiative that helps the homeless.



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**Source B:** From a report of Singapore's first nationwide count of the number of homeless persons, published by researchers from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, November 2019. The School of Public Policy conducts research which is used to provide suggestions to improve decision-making by the government.

Under Singapore's current legislation, there is no clear definition of homelessness. Because different agencies have different ideas on what "homelessness" meant, current measures to help the homeless may not be effective. For example, the homeless may be forced into welfare homes because the government agencies thought they need a place to stay. Many homeless people therefore avoided help because they do not want to lose their freedom. There are other reasons for them choosing to stay on the streets such as conflict within families and between flatmates, unemployment or a lack of social support. We need a more accurate definition of homelessness in order to identify what the homeless actually need, instead of what we think they need.

**Source C:** From a speech by Mr Desmond Lee, Minister-in-charge for Social Services Integration. The speech was presented at a budget debate in parliament, March 2021.

The MSF works together with different government agencies, social service agencies, and ground-up community groups in the Partners Engaging and Empowering Rough Sleepers (PEERS) Network, which was formed in 2019. Public officers often join the PEERS partners' outreach walks to offer assistance for the homeless. During the Circuit Breaker in April 2020, we needed more temporary shelters. MSF managed to get over 40 organisations to join and contribute to the network. We now have five MSF-funded temporary shelters where the homeless can stay while they seek help from different agencies to resolve their main reasons for staying on the streets.

**Source D:** From an article published on an online newspaper, 2019.

A 73-year-old, Mr Yeo, spent 20 years on the streets after his wife sold the flat when he was overseas and he could not afford to rent a place. "It is hard to get a good rest. I've had my identity card (IC) details copied more than 30 times," he said.

Many of the homeless had their belongings stolen when asleep. While there are non-governmental organisations that help by giving out second-hand clothes, many lose their ICs to thieves. This hinders their application for financial aid or housing. A replacement can cost up to \$300. Not everyone can afford this sum. MSF is working with the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority for fee waivers or for them to issue temporary ICs.

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## SECTION B (Structured-Response Questions)

Answer **both** questions.

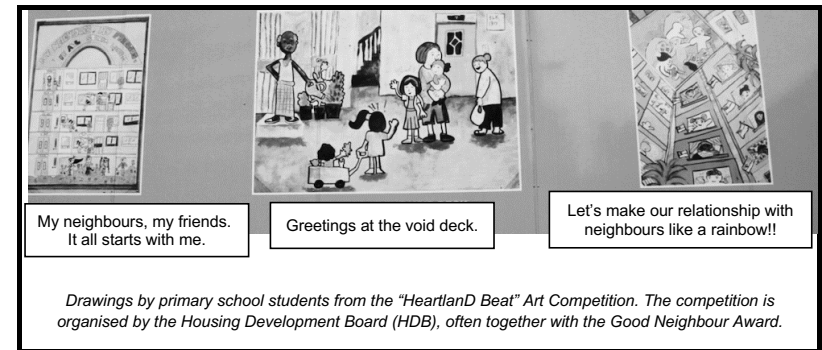
**Source E:** From a comment by Mr Abraham Yeo, co-founder of a community volunteer group, at a panel discussion in March 2020. The panel was organised in partnership with the Singapore Kindness Movement.

Some Singaporeans ask us, why not be more practical and give the homeless money? But many of them have told us not to give them cash. They appreciated that they were treated as friends, rather than problems to be solved. Providing them with shelters is not the only solution. It may not help them solve the main issues that caused them to be out on the streets. If they choose to move into shelters, our team of volunteers carry out follow-up visits to ensure that everything is ok so that they will not return to the streets. We have to build the culture that everyone – be it individuals, businesses, organisations, or the government – can help in their own ways.

### Living in a Diverse Society

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

#### Extract 1



#### Extract 2

Assimilation is an approach to manage socio-cultural diversity. Immigrants are expected to adopt the beliefs and practices of the majority group in the host country.

#### Extract 3

Integration is an approach to manage socio-cultural diversity. Immigrants are allowed to retain their unique identities while forging common ground with groups that are already living in the host country.

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