

Sec 4E/5NA SS PRELIMS 2024 Suggested Mark Scheme

Section A: SBCS

1 Study Source A.

Why do you think this statement was published? Explain your answer.

Suggested Answer Note: PAMFA is in 1 sentence. Begin every sentence with "Because"	Success Criteria
Because it wants to convince (P) the international community that the Nigerian government is effective in dealing with the Boko Haram threat (M) so that the international community would stop criticising the Nigerian government. (A) Because at that time , as the Nigerian government has been criticized for being slow and ineffective in dealing with the terrorist groups and for disrespecting human rights during the process of its investigations (S) Because Source B states that "waging 'a fierce encounter with the terrorists for several hours'" and "By the time that fighting was over, 21 suspected Boko Haram fighters were dead, the government group reported. Three vehicles were recovered, as were assault rifles, a rocket-propelled grenade, explosive devices and 709 rounds of ammunition" suggesting with the emphasis on the security forces' (EV) ability to take on Boko Haram through a 'fierce encounter' that the Nigerian security forces were able to wipe out the Boko Haram fighters, in hope that the international community would be confident in the Nigerian security forces' ability to deal with the Boko Haram threat and stop criticising them. (Exp)	Powerful verb
	Audience
	Message
	Feelings
	Action
	Situation
	Evidence
	Explanation

2 Study Sources B and C.

How far would the cartoonists agree with one another? Explain your answer using details from the sources.

Suggested Answer Note: Comparison question NO NEED to cross reference 0m if you used similar/ different/ support/ refute	Success Criteria
Sources B and C will agree (A) as both (CW) agree that Boko Haram's acts are not getting the coverage required/ people know little of Boko Haram due to lack of coverage. (CC) The terrorists in Source B states that "how many massacres does it take to be in the news around here?" clearly indicate the lack of coverage of Boko Haram even though they have committed acts of violence. In Source C, the world is turning its coverage to other issues as the cameraman is facing away from the	ATQ
	Comparison criteria
	Comparison word

atrocities of Boko Haram.		Evidence
		Explanation
Sources B and C disagree on the actions of Boko Haram. Source B suggests that the massacres are done openly(CC) while (CW) in Source C the massacres are done in secret (CC) as seen in the closed doors and the blood seeping under the door. (Ev) Source B shows the massacres being carried out openly in public. (EV)		ATQ
		Comparison criteria
		Comparison word
		Evidence
		Explanation
Sources B and C cartoonists agree (A) in their perspectives. Both (CW) sources are mocking the lack of the media coverage and critical of Boko Haram's behaviour. Both are trying to urge global media to shed light on the Boko Haram's atrocities to ensure that more governments will pressurise the Nigerian government to do more to stop Boko Haram (CC - action of purpose) because at the time, Nigerian government has been criticised for its slow and ineffective response in dealing with the terrorist groups. (situation)		ATQ
		Comparison Criteria
		Comparison word
		Evidence x2
		Explanation x2

3 Study Sources D and E.

Does Source E make Source D surprising? Explain your answer.

Suggested Answer		Success Criteria
Must compare given sources! Source E makes Source D surprising (ATQ) as E refutes D (LOR). D claimed that the JTF carried out acts of brutality against the locals (CC) but E suggests that the JTF did not carry out acts of brutality but were mindful in their use of violence. This can be seen from E which says "Our personnel do not engage in unmindful violence as they would rather allow terrorists to escape when in pursuit than to carry out acts that are likely to endanger innocent lives. In other words, deployed personnel of the military have neither been involved in deliberate killing of the innocents nor in torture", but D says "The indiscriminate use of force by the military towards the civilian population and suspected rebels.."		ATQ + LOR
		Comparison criteria
		Comparison word
		Evidence
		Explanation

<p>Source E doesn't make D surprising as Source F supports D. Both D and F suggests that JTF's violence led to the displacement of people. This can be seen from D which says "This has led to the large movement of civilians from their homes but also the worsening of the crisis." meaning that people had to flee for safety due to the continued violence and F which says "even here in the city area and about 20 local government areas of Borno were displaced" suggesting that people had to flee for their safety.</p>	ATQ + LOR
	Comparison criteria
	Comparison word
	Evidence
	Explanation
<p>Possible highest levels: Use 4Ws 3Vs Use E as When Source E does not make D surprising as both sources are to be expected. D is a factually researched article by an academia (Who) hence it is expected that he provides a balanced point of view of the Boko Haram situation & the management of the Nigerian military forces, beyond just what Source E claims, (What) such as the criticism towards the JTF in worsening the crisis (EV) but also the fact that the JTF was successful in recapturing strips of territory and preventing Boko Haram from having free access across the borders. (EV) (What) In addition, given his vast research from before 2020,(Exp) it's expected that he was able to describe the struggles by the Nigerian forces and list different types of problems that Boko Haram poses such as suicide bomb attacks and kidnapping.(What) Hence E doesn't make D surprising as E was an official statement of a senior Nigerian military officer to Human Watch (Who) which would have the intention to defend itself and justify the upright behaviour of the Nigerian forces towards both innocents and alleged terrorists (Why). This is expected as at that time, Boko Haram was responsible for over 37,500 deaths and displacement of over 2.5 million people which meant that people were increasingly frustrated and critical of Nigerian's government's inability to stop Boko Haram (When) hence natural that E will speak of Nigerian forces positively and shed positive light on their efforts to paint an improved image of themselves (Why) so it isn't surprising given this purpose, it would paint a completely different picture from the academia in D, who is based on extensive research and a more balanced perspective of the issue and able to state the success and failure of the Nigerian forces. (Exp)</p>	ATQ
	Who
	When
	What
	Why
	Explanation

4 Study Source F.

How far does Source F prove that Boko Haram had impacted the lives of the people in Nigeria? Explain your answer.

Suggested Answer Note: 0m if you used reliable / trust / believe / support Student must infer about what's the impact	Success Criteria
<p>Yes, the source do prove (A) Boko Haram had impacted the lives as it is reliable as supported by D. (LOR) Both (CW) D and F suggested that there was a negative impact to the lives of the people. (CC) F says, "from March 2019, we have started recording simultaneous attacks and increased activities of the terrorist group which have resulted in the loss of lives of our people" This suggested that Boko Haram had caused a negative impact on the lives of the people after 2019. Similarly Source D says "Boko Haram still poses a security threat to Nigeria and the greater Lake Chad region. Security forces have struggled to contain the insurgency in rural areas and Boko Haram continue to attack the civilian population through indiscriminate suicide bomb attacks and kidnapping", meaning that people had to endure harm and danger, hence negative impacts.</p>	ATQ + LOR
	Comparison criteria
	Comparison word
	Evidence
	Explanation
<p>The Source does not prove (A) Boko Haram impacted the lives as it is unreliable as refuted by Source E. (LOR) Source F suggests that there was a negative impact, (CC) but (CW) Source E suggests that there was no negative impact on the people. (CC) This can be seen from F which says "from March 2019, we have started recording simultaneous attacks and increased activities of the terrorist group which have resulted in the loss of lives of our people" This suggested that Boko Haram had caused a negative impact on the lives of the people after 2019." but Source E says "while we use violence against the terrorists..they would rather allow terrorists to escape when in pursuit than to carry out acts that are likely to endanger innocent lives." suggesting that the people's lives were not endangered hence not negatively impacted unlike what F suggested.</p>	ATQ + LOR
	Comparison criteria
	Comparison word
	Evidence
	Explanation
<p>Highest level must be prove: Source F does prove (A) that Boko Haram had impacted the lives of the people in Nigeria as the source presented a balanced viewpoint. (LOR) As a major official of the Nigerian government (WHO), he would have access to information such as the years of the attacks, impact of the attacks as well as the years of the government's successful management of Boko Haram. (Exp Who) Hence he is able to state both the good and bad (success and failures) of Nigeria's counter terrorism measures against the threats of Boko Haram (What) even in the presence of the Nigeria President's visit.(When) This is seen in the source that "By the year 2016 and 2017, we have recovered most of the displaced local government areas and almost celebrated the demise of the Boko Haram insurgency. But from March 2019, we have started recording simultaneous attacks and</p>	ATQ
	Who
	What
	Evidence x2
	Explanation

increased activities of the terrorist group which have resulted in the loss of lives of our people.” As a governor he is clearly wanting more support and help of the government to help his people (Why) by “calling on the Nigerian military to retrace their steps and replicate the successes they have recorded in 2016 and 2017 so that we can end this insurgency once and for all “ so that the government will see the severity of it continue their anti-terrorist approach towards the Boko Haram. (Why) and hence has been balanced in factually stating the successes and failures of the military. Given the balanced view and factual presentation of the situation, the source prove. (Exp)		
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5 “The government is **successful in managing the crises in Nigeria.**”

Using sources in this case study, explain how far you would agree with this statement.

Suggested Answer: Note:		Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A-B-S X4 - Good sequences should unpack what success in managing crises means 		
I agree (A) with the claim because Source A says ““By the time that fighting was over, 21 suspected Boko Haram fighters were dead, the government group reported. Three vehicles were recovered, as were assault rifles, a rocket-propelled grenade, explosive devices and 709 rounds of ammunition” (B) As a result, there are less Boko Haram fighters & weapons (S1) → weaken their group (S2) → less able to fight and retaliate and cause harm to the locals (S3) → therefore successful in managing the crisis.		ATQ
		Best evidence
		Sequence of outcomes beyond source S1 -S2- S3
I disagree (A) with the claim because Source B shows Boko Haram carrying out mass massacres and homes and buildings are in smoke. (B) As a result, the lives are lost, homes are destroyed (B) → people live in ongoing fear, and great insecurity (S1) → they are not safe nor protected (S2) → There is great chaos and instability plaguing Nigeria (S3) → Hence the government is not successful in managing the crisis.		ATQ
		Best evidence
		Sequence of outcomes beyond source S1 -S2- S3
		ATQ

<p>I agree (A) with the claim because Source D says “the JTF seized back territory previously held by Boko Haram...was successful in recapturing strips of territory and prevented Boko Haram from having free access across the borders.” (B) As a result, the Boko Haram are pushed back and away from the locals (S1) → They have less power and space to hide (S2) → They are weakened and morale will be lowered from their losses (S3) → Less able to win against the JTF (S4) → more likely to keep attacking (S5) → less attacks on the people (S6) → Hence, the government is successful in managing the crisis.</p>		Best evidence
		Sequence of outcomes beyond source S1 -S2- S3
<p>I disagree (A) with the claim because Source F says “we have started recording simultaneous attacks and increased activities of the terrorist group which have resulted in the loss of lives of our people.” (B) By doing so, this creates an environment of danger and disruption to the locals (S1)→ day to day living and work is disrupted (S2)→ there is no peace, only chaos and great instability (S3) → Hence, the government is not successful in managing the crisis.</p>		ATQ
		Best evidence
		Sequence of outcomes beyond source S1 -S2- S3
<p>Treatment of bonus (+1 / +2) Note: every bonus attempt must be linked to a source that has been addressed in L2/ L3, and not writing about inclusivity in general.</p> <p>A) Contextual Knowledge</p> <p>-Can't use this unless you know anything about Boko Haram in Nigeria</p> <p>B) RELIABILITY/ SUFFICIENCY/ UTILITY</p> <p>Note: When students do unreliability, and claim that source is biased, extremely one sided, they also need to mention what is the other slant that is not mentioned and both slants must be supported with specifics.</p> <p>Source A cannot be used to agree with the claim because it has a motive which is to convince (P) the international community that the Nigerian government is effective in dealing with the Boko Haram threat (M) so that the international community would stop criticising the Nigerian government. (A) Because at that time, as the Nigerian government has been criticized for being slow and ineffective in dealing with the terrorist groups and for disrespecting human rights during the process of its investigations (S). Given this purpose, it would naturally paint a positive image of the government, focussing only on the strengths and successes of the government forces. Therefore it would be biased and hence unreliable and cannot be used to agree with the claim.</p> <p>C) Balanced Conclusion/ resolution</p> <p>It isn't just a summary of whether Singapore is inclusive or not but a CONNECTION needs to be made between both sides and if resolution given, again it should be specific about what can be done and by who.</p>		

Section B: Structured Response Questions

6 Extract 1 shows the chart of the total population in Singapore in 2023 and there are a large portion of foreigners migrating and living in Singapore.

Why do you think that foreigners are attracted to migrate and live in Singapore?
Explain your answer, using two reasons.

Suggested Answer: Reasons		Success Criteria
<p>One reason is the presence of economic opportunities. (D) The presence of around 7,000 multinational corporations (MNCs) creates a wealth of job opportunities that may not be available in the migrants' home countries. The presence of multinational corporations (MNCs) like Google, Facebook, and Microsoft creates a high demand for skilled professionals. (B) This economic landscape encourages professionals to seek employment in Singapore. This demand leads to the availability of numerous job opportunities in various sectors, including technology and finance. (O1) As skilled professionals seek better employment prospects, they are drawn to Singapore's robust job market, which provides good salaries (O2) and possible quality of life. (O3) Hence, this results in an influx of foreign talent migrating to Singapore for work.</p>		Describe
		Example - Name - 2 details
		Sequence of outcomes O1- O2-O3
<p>Another reason is because of the safety in Singapore (D) Singapore is ranked 2nd safest country in the world in 2014 with low crime rates and a strong sense of social order. There are also various community programs and initiatives, such as the Community Safety and Security Programme, promote safety awareness and foster a sense of security among residents, including foreigners. This contributes to Singapore's reputation as a safe place to live. based on social order and security, further reinforces its appeal to migrants seeking a secure environment Due to the low crime rate and safety → increase secure living environment (O1) → reduce worries and fear of safety and protection of belongings (O2) → Better quality of life (O3) → Decision to migrate to Singapore.</p>		Describe
		Example - Name - 2 details
		Sequence of outcomes O1- O2-O3

7 Extract 2 and Extract 3 describe possible interactions in a diverse society. Do you think **an increase in diversity in a diverse society** has brought about more **benefits** than **challenges between locals and foreigners**? Explain your answer.

<p>There are benefits of an increase in diversity as it will lead to cultural exchange and appreciation. (D) For example, Singapore is home to a multitude of ethnic groups and nationalities, including Chinese, Malay, Indian, Americans, Australians, Mainland Chinese, Japanese and Koreans,</p>		Describe
		Example - Name - 2 details

<p>each contributing their unique cultural practices. (D) For instance, during the festive season, various cultural celebrations are held, such as the Lantern Festival celebrated by the Chinese community, which includes the release of lanterns and mooncake sharing. Similarly, the foreigners celebrate Christmas with open houses where families invite friends and neighbors, exchange gifts, and share festive meals. (E) These events not only showcase the rich tapestry of cultures but also encourage participation from all communities, fostering a sense of unity and appreciation for one another's traditions. As a result, with these events as opportunities, foreigners and locals have increased opportunities to interact, find out more about local cultures and share their own cultures.(O1) This cultural exchange promotes social cohesion,(O3) as individuals learn to respect and celebrate differences,(O2) leading to a more harmonious society (O4) where diversity is seen as a strength.</p>		<p>Sequence of outcomes</p> <p>O1- O2-O3</p>
<p>However, there are also challenges to living in a diverse society. For example, competition over public services such as transport overcrowding especially during peak hours. A specific incident in 2017 highlighted this issue when a viral video showed a local commuter expressing frustration over the packed trains, attributing the overcrowding to the increasing number of foreign workers using the same services. This incident resonated with many Singaporeans who felt that the influx of foreigners was straining public resources and diminishing their commuting experience. As a result such frustrations can lead to a sense of alienation among Singaporeans (O1), who may feel that their needs are being overlooked in favor of accommodating a growing foreign population(O2), making locals view foreigners negatively and blaming them for their problems (O3). Hence, further exacerbating tensions between foreigners and locals (O4)</p>		<p>Describe</p>
		<p>Example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name - 2 details
		<p>Sequence of outcomes</p> <p>O1- O2-O3</p>
<p>Conclusion</p> <p>In conclusion, although Singaporeans have experienced many positive and negative interactions with immigrants, their experience has seen more benefits because many of the negative incidents are isolated exceptions and can be resolved in the short run. Locals and foreigners understand that these cases are not representative of all immigrants. In the long run, with these challenging issues resolved, more Singaporeans have positive interactions with foreigners in school and at their workplace and hence bring more beneficial interactions. Thus, in comparison, it has brought more benefits than challenges.</p>		