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Paper 1 Social Studies

24 August 2026

1 hour 45 minutes

0800 - 0945h

Additional Materials: Writing paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and index number on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid/tape.

Answer **all** the questions.

Write your answers on the writing paper provided.

At the end of the examination, fasten Section A and B **separately**.

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

For examiner's use only:

Section A	/ 35 m
Section B	/ 15 m
Total	/ 50 marks

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 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 Sources A and B.

How similar are these two sources? Explain your answer. [6]

2 Study Source C.

Why do you think the cartoon was published? Explain using details from the source.
[6]

3 Study Sources D.

How useful is this source in helping you understand the impact of mega events? Explain your answer.
[6]

4 Study Sources E and F.

Does Source E make Source F surprising? Explain your answer. [7]

5 “The use of government funds to host mega events has a positive impact on the country.”
Using the sources in this case study, explain how far you would agree with this statement.

[10]

Should governments using public funds to host mega events?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

Cities around the world compete to host mega-events, such as performances by global superstars like American singer Taylor Swift and sporting events like the FIFA World Cup soccer event. Governments often justify spending millions of dollars of public funds in grants and subsidies by arguing that these events boost tourism, create jobs and enhance a city's international reputation. However, some citizens question whether the promised economic benefits justify the public spending and argue that governments may neglect pressing social issues to prepare for or promote these events.

Study the following sources to examine whether governments should fund major entertainment and sporting events.

Source A: *From an article published on a Singaporean news website, 29 February 2024.*

Argentine football legend Lionel Messi arrived in Hong Kong for a friendly match between his team, Inter Miami, and a Hong Kong team. The Inter Miami friendly match was promised a US\$2 million subsidy by the government to stimulate the economy and attract visitors. The match was sold out, but the response was disastrous. The audience started booing when they realised that Messi would not play. International news outlets cast Hong Kong in a bad light. These disappointments make some locals wonder if Hong Kong has lost the ability to organise mega events. What Hong Kong needs are events on the scale of Taylor Swift's tour. Her four-day concert in Tokyo earlier this month is estimated to have generated \$56.5 million in economic benefits to Japan per show. Only this type of mega event can alleviate Hong Kong's tourism woes.

Source B: *From an article published on a China news website, 18 March 2024.*

The highly anticipated soccer match between Hong Kong Team and Inter Miami Football Club, which drew 39,000 spectators on Feb 4, turned into a major controversy in Hong Kong as superstar striker Lionel Messi remained on the bench for the entire match. Some overseas fans even traveled all the way to Hong Kong for the exhibition match, wasting both time and money. Successfully held high-profile mega sports events can surely bring enjoyment, promote tourism, attract businesses, and bring economic benefits; but poorly organised ones can affect people's trust in Hong Kong and impact sports tourism as overseas audiences would be less likely to attend in the future. The government should consider stepping up its involvement in high-profile mega sports events to facilitate coordination and smooth organisation of these events.

Source C: A cartoon published in a French online magazine, 19 June 2023, a year before the Paris Olympics Games, an international sports event. The caption on top reads "Transfer of homeless people before the 2024 Olympic Games." The heading above the Olympics logo on the van reads "Paris Cleanliness Department."



Source D: From an article published by an American news website during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, co-hosted by America, 16 June 2026.

A study projected the World Cup would have a \$30 billion economic benefit for the U.S., with \$2 billion in benefits for North Texas alone. "When you talk about the economic impact, that's not the city's cash registers that are ringing," said Arlington Mayor Jim Ross. "Those are small businesses. Those are hotels, restaurants, retail stores. Those are communities' cash registers ringing. That's a lot of money coming into our North Texas communities."

But a report published last month shows most Dallas hotels are seeing a typical summer in terms of bookings. Economist Charles Blain said he understands the appeal for officials of putting their cities on the world stage, but that he believes taxpayers deserve more information on how economic projections are calculated. "I've only heard benefits. The only question is will it be a small benefit or will it be a large benefit," he said.

Source E: *A speech by the Philippines politician Joey Salceda on Singapore holding exclusive rights to hosting the Taylor Swift concerts in Southeast Asia on February 28, 2024.*

Some \$3 million in grants were given by the Singapore government to host the Taylor Swift concert in Singapore. The catch was that the concert could not be hosted elsewhere in the region. I give it to them that the policy worked. Regional demand for Singaporean hotels and airlines was up 30 percent over the period. I estimate that the exclusivity term caused an increase in industry revenues by \$60 million. So, the grant produced 30 times more in economic activity. But it was at the expense of neighboring countries, which could not attract their own foreign concertgoers and whose fans had to go to Singapore. I don't think we should just let things like this pass. We should still officially register our opposition. It also runs contrary to the principle of consensus-based relations and solidarity on which the ASEAN was founded. This simply isn't what good neighbours do.

Source F: *From a summary of a Parliamentary speech by then Minister of Culture, Community and Youth, Mr Edwin Tong, 4 March 2024. Mr Tong led a team from Singapore to secure the run of 6 shows by American superstar Taylor Swift in Singapore.*

"I assure everyone that the economic benefits to Singapore outweigh the size of the grant," Mr Tong added, noting that \$500 million worth of benefits include additional tourist arrivals, spending on entertainment, retail and dining.

"In this case, we were mindful that if we wanted Singapore to be part of the tour stops, and if you look at her past tour history, it's difficult to be one or two nights alone because of the scale of the set-up," he said, adding that holding an exclusive concert over a certain number of nights can be more cost-effective.

He noted that the Sports Hub has been able to direct returns from large-scale events back into "non-revenue generating social events". For example, the Sports Hub hosted a record 43 National School Games finals events in 2023, which is almost three times the 16 finals events that were held at the venue in 2019.

Section B (Structured-Response Questions)

Answer **both** questions.

Living in a Diverse Society

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

Extract 1

Casual racism refers to everyday words, jokes or actions that stereotype or belittles people based on their race or ethnicity, even if no harm is intended. Casual racism remains a concern in Singapore. According to a 2024 survey by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), 43.5% of Singaporeans said they form assumptions about a person's behaviour based on race. This suggests that racial stereotypes continue to exist and can contribute to casual racism in everyday interactions.

Extract 2

Citizens can participate actively to take action to address socio-economic diversity in society. They can do so through individual effort or as part of a formal group to volunteer.

Extract 3

The government can also respond to socio-economic issues. This can be through the Government financed approach in Sweden and the shared-responsibility approach in Singapore.

6. Extract 1 shows that casual racism continues to exist in Singapore.

In your opinion, why should young Singaporeans be concerned about casual racism in Singapore? Explain your answer with reference to **two** reasons. [7]

7. Extracts 2 and 3 highlight the responses by citizens and governments to address issues related to socio-economic diversity in Singapore.

Do you think that citizens or the government have a greater role in managing socio-economic diversity? Explain your answer.

[8]

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Copyright Acknowledgements:

Source A: *Channel NewsAsia*:
<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/commentary/hong-kong-event-organiser-lionel-messi-taylor-swift-concert-tourism-4155686>
 Source B: *China Daily HK*: <https://www.chinadailyhk.com/hk/article/381562>

- Source C: *Urtikan.net*:
<https://moaodoph.gov.au/explore/behind-the-lines/2023-all-fun-and-games/two-words-eight-syllables/untitled-0>
- Source D: CBS: <https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/north-texas-fifa-world-cup-economic-impact/>
- Source E: Uproxx: <https://uproxx.com/pop/philippines-politician-taylor-swift-the-eras-tour-singapore-deal/>
- Source F: *Straits Times*:
<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/politics/expected-economic-benefits-from-taylor-swift-concerts-outweigh-size-of-grant-given-edwin-tong>

**SECONDARY FOUR EXPRESS/ FIVE NORMAL ACADEMIC
 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS (2026)
 COMBINED HUMANITIES (SOCIAL STUDIES)**

MARK SCHEME

Section A: Source Based Case Study

1 Study Sources A and B.

6m

How similar are these two sources? Explain your answer.

Target Skill: Making Comparison

<u>Level</u>	<u>Band Descriptor</u>	<u>Marks</u>
L1	Comparison based on provenance e.g. Both sources are similar as they are published in news websites.	1m
L2	False Matching (Difference) e.g. Both sources are different. Source A mentioned that the Inter Miami friendly match with the Hong Kong team was promised US\$2 million subsidy by the government. Source B did not mention the amount of subsidy.	2m
L3	Content comparison: Valid similarity or difference <i>Award the higher mark for clear similarity or difference with support from both sources</i> Similarity e.g. <u>Both sources are similar that Messi did not play in the match.</u> This is shown in A that "he audience started booing when they realised that Messi would not play." This means that the spectators were disappointed by Messi not playing. This is also shown in B that "Lionel Messi remained on the bench for the entire match. Some overseas fans even traveled all the way to Hong Kong for the exhibition match, wasting both time and money." This means that Messi refuse to play. Other accepted matches: similar in people's loss of trust in Hong Kong's ability to host mega events. Or Difference e.g. <u>Both sources are different in the type of events needed for Hong Kong to improve tourism.</u> This is shown in Source A that 'What Hong Kong needs are events on the scale of Taylor Swift's tour. Her four-day concert in Tokyo earlier this month is estimated to have generated.' This means other types of events beyond sports, such as concerts are needed to improve tourism in Hong Kong. However, B disagrees and states "The government should consider stepping up its involvement in high-profile mega sports events to facilitate coordination and smooth organisation of these events'. This implies focusing on sports events is still a possible option Hong Kong can use to improve its tourism.	3-4m
L4	Content comparison: Valid similarity and difference <i>Award the higher mark for clear similarity and difference with support from both sources</i>	4-5m
L5	Similarity in Tone	6m

<u>Level</u>	<u>Band Descriptor</u>	<u>Marks</u>
	<i>Note: Answers need to be illustrated with evidence and must explain how the evidence show the tone to be awarded L5.</i> e.g. <u>Both sources are similar in its critical tone directed towards the Hong Kong government for the mismanaged soccer match involving Messi.</u> This is shown in A that “he match was sold out, but the response was disastrous”, and “These disappointments make some locals wonder if Hong Kong has lost the ability to organise mega events.” This means that there is little faith in Hong Kong’s ability to challenge other Asian countries to host mega events. This is also shown in B that “Some overseas fans even traveled all the way to Hong Kong for the exhibition match, wasting both time and money” and “poorly organized ones can affect people’s trust in Hong Kong, impact sports tourism as overseas audiences are less likely to attend.” This means that there was a backlash on the government’s failure to get Messi to play.	

- 2 **Study Source C.**
Why do you think the cartoon was published? Explain using details from the source.

[5]

Target Skill: Inference with purpose

<u>Level</u>	<u>Band Descriptor</u>	<u>Marks</u>
L1	Description/ answers not phrased as message e.g. It tells me that Paris is prioritizing a clean image for the Olympics (not phrased as a reason).	1m
L2	Literal messages not related to the Paris Olympics e.g. <u>It was published to show that the French government has effective equipment.</u> This is shown in C that a Paris Cleanliness Department is using an effective vehicle to clean the homeless people away. This means that the French governments uses machines to make the cleaning more efficient.	2m
L3	Because of Message <i>Award an additional mark for support that includes both the green cleaning truck and the litter that it was picking up</i> e.g. <u>It was published to show that the rights of the homeless people were neglected during the planning of Olympics.</u> This is shown in C that the Paris Cleanliness Department is using a cleaning truck to clean away the litter that is represented by the shocked faces of the homeless. This means that the homeless are treated as a nuisance by the French government.	3-4m
L4	Outcome <i>Award an additional mark for support that includes both the green cleaning truck and the litter that it was picking up.</i> e.g. <u>It was published to get the French citizens to pressure the government to look into the welfare of the homeless in France.</u> This is shown in C that This is shown in C that the Paris Cleanliness Department is using a cleaning truck to clean away the litter that is represented by the shocked faces of the homeless. This means that the homeless are treated as a nuisance by the French government. Or Context <i>Award an additional mark for support that includes both the green cleaning truck and the litter that it was picking up.</i> e.g. <u>It was published because there were questions over whether the government's spending on Olympics was justified at the expense of groups of citizens.</u> This is shown in C that This is shown in C that the Paris Cleanliness Department is using a cleaning	4-5m

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L5	Outcome + Context <i>Award an additional mark for message, context and outcome supported</i> e.g. <u>It was published to show that the rights of the homeless people were neglected during the planning of Olympics.</u> This is shown in C that the Paris Cleanliness Department is using a cleaning truck to clean away the litter that is represented by the shocked faces of the homeless. This means that the homeless are treated as a nuisance by the French government. <u>This is so that the French citizens will pressure the French government to look into the welfare of the homeless in France. This is because there were questions over whether the government's spending on Olympics was justified at the expense of groups of citizens.</u>	5-6m

3 Study Source D.

6m

How useful is this source in helping you understand the impact of mega events?
Explain your answer.

Target Skill: Utility

Level	Band Descriptor	Marks
L1	Useful/ Not Useful (Undeveloped assertion of provenance) <i>Award L1/1 for answers that do not address utility</i> e.g. Source D is useful as it was an article found in an American news website that Americans read.	1m
L2	Useful due to explanation of D <i>Award the higher mark for more fully developed answers.</i> e.g. Source D is useful in helping us understand the economic benefits of using government funds to host mega events This is shown in D that "Those are small businesses. Those are hotels, restaurants, retail stores. Those are communities' cash registers ringing. That's a lot of money coming into our North Texas communities." This means that hosting the World Cup will allow locals to reap its economic benefits and enjoy greater income. e.g. Source D is useful in helping me understand the limited benefits of using government funds to host mega events. This is shown in D that "But a report published last month shows most Dallas hotels are seeing a typical summer in terms of bookings." This means that the benefits of hosting the World Cup have not been fully enjoyed by locals in Dallas. They were no huge surge in foreigners wanting to stay in Texas to watch the World Cup. Or Not useful due to missing information <i>Award the higher mark for more fully developed answers.</i> e.g. Source D is not useful as it highlights the economic impact of hosting the World Cup during the event. It failed to provide specific data on how much public money was used to host the World Cup. Hence the benefits could be easily outweighed by the expenses.	2-3m
L3	Both sides of L2	4m
L4	Reliable/ Unreliable and Useful/ not useful due to cross reference <i>Award the higher mark for more fully developed answers.</i> <i>Award L1/1 for cross reference that do not address reliability</i> e.g. <u>Source D is reliable and useful in the economic benefits of hosting mega events after cross reference to Source B.</u> It is shown in B that "Successfully held high-profile mega	4-5m

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	sports events can surely bring enjoyment, promote tourism, attract businesses, and bring economic benefits.” This highlights the lure of why many nations want to host mega events as it brings clear economic benefits to countries that host it. This agrees with Source D view that hosting the World Cup will aid hotels, restaurants and local stores. Hence Source D is reliable and useful in understanding the impact of government funds to host mega events. e.g. <u>Source D is unreliable and not useful in the economic benefits of hosting mega events after cross reference to Source B.</u> It is shown in B that “Successfully held high-profile mega sports events can surely bring enjoyment, promote tourism, attract businesses, and bring economic benefits.” This highlights the lure of why many nations want to host mega events as it brings clear economic benefits to countries that host it. This disagrees with Source D view that “a report published last month shows most Dallas hotels are seeing a typical summer in terms of bookings.” Hence Source D is unreliable and not useful in understanding the impact of government funds to host mega events.	
L5	Reliable and useful as it is objective <i>Award the higher mark for more fully developed answers that includes the motive and the outcome.</i> e.g. <u>Source D is reliable and useful as it has an objective view in understanding the impact of government funds to host mega events.</u> The article paints a positive view that hosting such events will benefit North Texas as “Those are small businesses. Those are hotels, restaurants, retail stores. Those are communities’ cash registers ringing. That’s a lot of money coming into our North Texas communities.” However, it also a negative view of hosting the World Cup due to the lack of transparency. This is shown in D that “he believes taxpayers deserve more information on how economic projections are calculated. “I’ve only heard benefits. The only question is will it be a small benefit or will it be a large benefit,” he said.” The lack of clarity could mean that America is barely breaking even from hosting mega events like the World Cup.	5-6m

4 Study Sources E and F.

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

7m

Target Skill: Surprised

Level	Band Descriptor	Marks
L1	Answers that use content of Source E and F without element of surprise	1m
L2	Surprised/ Not Surprised due to internal reasoning of E or F <u>I am not surprised with E as it is a speech by Philippines politician in February 28, 2024. I am not surprised by what he said as he is still feeling sore that Taylor Swift did not perform in Philippines.</u> It is shown in E that “I don’t think we should just let things like this pass. We should still officially register our opposition. It also runs contrary to the principle of consensus-based relations and solidarity on which the ASEAN was founded. This simply isn’t what good neighbours do.” This means that he wants ASEAN nations to do more to criticize Singapore for hosting the Taylor Swift concerts alone.	2-3m
L3	Surprised or Not Surprised based on difference or similarity in content <u>Source E does not make Source F surprising as they both agree that Taylor Swift concerts generated a lot of revenue for Singapore.</u> This is shown in Source E that “Regional demand for Singaporean hotels and airlines was up 30 percent over the period. I estimate that the exclusivity term caused an increase in industry revenues by \$60 million. So, the grant produced 30 times more in economic activity.” This means that the Swift concerts are beneficial for Singapore. Source F also agree as “I assure everyone that the economic benefits to Singapore outweigh the size of the grant,” Mr Tong added, noting that \$500 million benefits include additional tourist arrivals, spending on entertainment, retail and dining, implying strong economic benefits for hosting the concerts.	4m

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	Or Source E makes Source F surprising as they disagree on whether Singapore having exclusive rights is reasonable. Source E feels that Singapore should not do so as "We should still officially register our opposition. It also runs contrary to the principle of consensus-based relations and solidarity on which the ASEAN was founded. This simply isn't what good neighbours do." Hence Singapore ought to share its benefits with other ASEAN neighbours. However, Edwin Tong in F mentioned exclusive rights were important as "In this case, we were mindful that if we wanted Singapore to be part of the tour stops, and if you look at her past tour history, it's difficult to be one or two nights alone because of the scale of set-up." Hence exclusive rights will allow Singapore to host more concerts to be more cost effective.	
L4	Surprised and Not Surprised	5m
L5	Surprised or Not Surprised based on CR to other sources/ background information <i>Award 6m for more developed answers</i> Source E does not make Source F surprising as both support each other, and are further supported by Source A. Source F agrees with Source A agrees that Taylor Swift concerts are highest profitable. This is shown in Source A that "What Hong Kong needs are events on the scale of Taylor Swift's tour. Her four-day concert in Tokyo earlier this month is estimated to have generated \$56.5 million in economic benefits to Japan per show. Only this type of mega event can alleviate Hong Kong's tourism woes. This means that mega events like Taylor Swift concerts are effective to boost a country's economy. This agrees with Source F's view that "I assure everyone that the economic benefits to Singapore outweigh the size of the grant," Mr Tong added, noting that \$500 million benefits include additional tourist arrivals, spending on entertainment, retail and dining" implying a highly profitable event. This also agrees with E's view that Singapore gained 30 times the grant they paid to hold the concerts. Hence, I am not surprised with F.	5-6m
L6	Not surprised due to context <i>Award 7m for more developed answers.</i> Source E does not make Source F surprising due to context. Source B was written by the Philippines secretary of President Office Joey Salceda. As the cabinet minister, he must have witnessed many Filipinos travelling to Singapore to watch the Taylor Swift concerts and questioning why this concert was not held in Philippines. To allay the frustrations of the locals, who were frustrated over the need to travel to Singapore for the concerts and businesses over the loss of earnings, it was expected of a local politician to blame Singapore for holding exclusive rights to the concerts. That explains why he claimed that "I don't think we should just let things like this pass. We should still officially register our opposition. It also runs contrary to the principle of consensus-based relations and solidarity on which the ASEAN was founded. This simply isn't what good neighbours do." This means that he is eager to show that it is not the government's fault but rather Singapore's selfish method of paying \$3 million dollars to get exclusive rights. Source F is hence a response to placate ASEAN countries and addressing concerns among Singaporeans of the validity of the grants. This is through Edwin Tong justifying what the deal has to be exclusive as "it's difficult to be one or two nights alone because of the scale of set-up," he said, adding that holding an exclusive concert over a certain number of nights can be more cost effective," while highlighting the benefits of hosting the concerts as "the economic benefits to Singapore outweigh the size of the grant." This also justifies to Singaporeans why the government was justified to pay \$3 million to host the concerts.	6-7m

5 "The use of government funds to host mega events has a positive impact on the country." Using the sources in this case study, explain how far you would agree with this statement. [10]

Target skill: Assertion

Level	Band Descriptor	Marks
L1	Writes about statement, no valid use/ specific knowledge	1m

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L2	Yes/ No, supported by valid source use Award 2 marks for 1 explained source. Award 3-4 marks for 2 explained sources. Award 4m for 3 explained sources. Agree use of government funds to host mega events has a positive impact: Sources A, B, C, D, E, F <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Source/ Agent</th><th>Evidence</th><th>Development</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td><td>"What Hong Kong needs are events on the scale of Taylor Swift's tour. Her four-day concert in Tokyo earlier this month is estimated to have generated \$56.5 million in economic benefits to Japan per show."</td><td>With an increased in economic benefits, businesses such as restaurants will have more customers. 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		match, wasting both time and money.”	organizing to lose money and make losses.
	C	“the Paris Cleanliness Department is using a cleaning truck to clean away the litter that is represented by the shocked faces of the homeless.”	The use of government funds to host mega events doesn’t solve social problems prevalent in society but rather diverts crucial funds from fixing it and only hides it temporarily,
	D	“But a report published last month shows most Dallas hotels are seeing a typical summer in terms of bookings.”	This means that businesses may not be able to generate more profits from hosting the World Cup. As a result, this may not lead to more jobs in the communities.
L3	Yes + No, supported by valid source use <i>Award 5 marks for 2 explained source.</i> <i>Award 6 marks for 3 explained sources.</i> <i>Award 7-8 m for 4 explained sources.</i> <i>Award 8m for 5 explained sources.</i>		5-8m
**	Bonus 2 marks To score additional 2 marks, candidate can take <u>any one</u> of these 3 routes (with implicit or explicit use of sources): - Through analyzing at least one source in relation to its reliability, utility or sufficiency (whether there is anything lacking in the source). - By sharing example(s) from their contextual knowledge. - By giving a balanced conclusion/ resolution (resolution need to be specific).		Bonus 2 marks

Section B: Structured-Response Questions

6. Extract 1 shows that casual racism continues to exist in Singapore. In your opinion, why should young Singaporeans be concerned about casual racism in Singapore? Explain your answer with reference to two reasons. [7]

Level	Band Descriptor	Marks
L1	Writes about topic, unexplained Award 2m for additional details. Young Singaporeans should be concerned about casual racism as there is tension between locals and foreigners over job competition in Singapore. (L1/1: writes about topic on Singapore. No valid reason on addressing casual racism).	1m
L2	Identifies/describes solution, unexplained Award 2m for identifying one reason and 3m for identifying two reasons. Award 3m for describing one reason and 4m for describing two reasons.	2-4m
L3	Writes about two reasons, explained Award 5m for explaining a reason, up to 6m. Award 6-7m for explaining both reasons. <u>Young Singaporeans should be concerned about casual racism because Singapore is a multi-racial society where racial harmony should never be taken for granted.</u> Singapore experienced two racial riots in 1964, when tensions between the Malay and Chinese communities were inflamed, resulting in deaths, injuries and widespread unrest. Although today’s Singapore is peaceful, everyday remarks that mock another person’s race, skin colour or cultural practices can reinforce stereotypes and create mistrust between communities. <u>If such attitudes become normalised, they may weaken social cohesion and make society more vulnerable to individuals or groups seeking to exploit racial differences for their own agendas. This can escalate into conflict, threatening the peace, safety and stability that Singapore has worked hard to build.</u>	5-7m

	Or e.g. <u>Young Singaporeans should be concerned about casual racism because it can damage friendships and create conflict in school.</u> Remarks or jokes that stereotype another person's race may be intended as harmless, but those on the receiving end may find them hurtful or offensive. For example, if a Chinese student jokes that his Indian friend "cannot be seen in the dark" because of his skin colour, the Indian student may feel insulted, disrespected or excluded. <u>As a result, the friendship may be damaged, and the student who made the remark could face disciplinary action for making racially insensitive comments.</u>	
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7. Extracts 2 and 3 highlight the responses by citizens and governments to address issues related to socio-economic diversity in Singapore.

Do you think that citizens or the government have a greater role in managing socio-economic diversity? Explain your answer. [8]

Level	Band Descriptor	Marks
L1	Writes about topic, unexplained Award 2m for additional details.	1-2m
L2	Describes. Award 3m for describing 1 policy. Award 4m for describing 2 policy.	3-4m
L3	Writes about two policies, explained Award 5-6m for explanation of 1 point. Award 6-7m for explanation of 2 points. e.g. <u>Citizens have a role in managing socio-economic diversity through individuals contributing their time, effort, and money to meet areas of need in society.</u> They can start ground-up initiatives and mobilize resources to distribute food to those in need. In 2014, Mr Nizar Mohamed Shariff started a charity called Free Food For All (FFFA) to provide nutritious Halal food to the less fortunate, regardless of their race or religion. FFFA also offers different food options and channels, which include ready to eat meals, fresh vegetables, groceries and a weekly stocked community fridge. In 2021 alone, FFFA served more than 160,000 meals, which include RTE meals to more than 1000 families each month. <u>As a result, needy families will be able to enjoy a nutritious meal even though they cannot afford it.</u> Other accepted explanations: Fiona Ke's volunteering in Happy People Helping People; Daughters of Tomorrow assisting women from low income families or live in subsidized rental flats; Keeping Hope Alive volunteers visiting one and two room flats to look out for residents in need. Or/ And e.g. <u>The government also have a role in managing socio-economic diversity through a shared approach.</u> The shared-responsibility approach consists of many helping hands (individual, families, community groups and government) which work together to address and meet socio-economic issues and needs. For example, the government provides targetted assistance to meet needy families. The government provide preschool subsidies to ensure that all children have access to quality education for a good start in life, regardless of their family background. While parents pay for preschool fees, government subsidies across all eligible income tiers have increased. From Jan 2020, lower-income families earning \$3,000 or less per month pay \$3 per month at preschool centres under the Anchor Operator Scheme funded by the government. <u>This support provides targeted support to protect their needs and enable them to experience social mobility. This complements individual, family and community efforts to help meet the needs of society.</u> Other accepted explanations: Shared responsibility in Singapore's other forms of subsidies: healthcare financial system, public housing subsidies social and community assistance, vouchers for families, and opportunities for upskilling and training;	5-7m

	Government financed approach in Sweden: healthcare, education, housing, skills training.	
L4	Writes about conclusion, explained <i>Conclusion is not a summary of factors but a connection between factors</i>	8m