

Annex A: Characteristics of Singapore

Describing her economy:	Describing her politics:
1. Adaptable 2. Advanced 3. Affluent 4. Open economy: attuned to global markets 5. Competitive 6. Dependent on human capital 7. Focus on Research and Development 8. Globalised 9. Knowledge-based economy 10. Land scarce 11. No natural resources, land scarce 12. Urbanised	1. Consensus-seeking 2. Democratic 3. Emphasis on diversity & common identity 4. Rules-based 5. Paternalistic 6. Stable 7. Transparent
Describing her society/culture:	Describing her people:
1. "Kiasu" culture / Competitive 2. A migrant society with no national roots or history 3. Ageing society 4. Conservative 5. Consumerist, materialistic as part of the globalized world + first world country 6. Economically-driven 7. Emphasis on the family unit 8. Fast-paced 9. Growing emphasis on the Arts 10. High standard of living 11. Lacking in work-life balance 12. Low fertility rate (1.25 as of 2014) 13. Meritocratic 14. Modern, first world country 15. Moving away from traditional culture to modern culture 16. Moving towards a more gracious society 17. Multi-racial 18. Patriarchal 19. Possibly xenophobic (new fault lines: foreigners vs locals) 20. Pragmatic 21. Qualifications-driven 22. Secular 23. Technology and affluence affecting social landscape (how? Citizen activism especially through social media platforms) 24. Widening rich-poor divide 25. Wired society 26. Working towards sustainable development	1. Apathetic youths 2. Digital natives 3. Dual-income families 4. Elitist 5. Filial 6. Goal-oriented 7. Increasingly educated, high literacy rates 8. Law-abiding 9. Materialistic 10. Practical 11. Pragmatic 12. Science-oriented 13. Self-entitled 14. Strawberry youths/lack resilience 15. Technologically-savvy

REMEMBER!

You need to LINK any of these characteristics in justifying your view/opinion.

Example:

View/Opinion: Arts in Singapore is heavily censored.

EX/EV: There remains a need for 'rules of engagement' to safeguard the social cohesion we enjoy in a **multicultural** society.