

Section A Suggested Answer (Hai Sing Catholic Prelims 2023)

- 1 Study Source A.
What is the message of the cartoon? Explain your answer, using details from the source. [5]

Suggested Answer		Success Criteria
The message is that the repatriation will fail / the Rohingya crisis is due to Myanmar's poor treatment of the Rohingya (A). This can be seen from the cartoon which shows Bangladesh soldier is trying to usher the Rohingya refugees towards an entry way in the shape of a tiger with the mouth open, and skulls in the mouth. (EV) This imply that that the Rohingya will face certain death if they were to be sent back to Myanmar.(EXP)	•	ATQ
	•	Evidence (Describe the source)
	•	Explanation

- 2 Study Sources B and C.
How similar are the sources? Explain your answer. [6]

Suggested Answer		Success Criteria
They are similar (A) because both (CW) sources agree (LOR) that wildlife is badly affected by the building of the refugee camp.(CC) The evidence from B is "Areas previously inhabited by wild elephants are now barren." (EV), which indicates that animal habitats are cleared. Similarly (CW), this can also be seen in source C which says "What had been a sanctuary for wildlife, including endangered Asian elephants, quickly became a bare, hilly tract of bamboo and plastic-roofed shelters that was prone to flooding and landslides in the monsoon season." (EV) This shows that natural habitats of animals have been removed to make way for man-made infrastructures.	•	ATQ
	•	Common Criteria
	•	Comparison word
	•	Evidence x2 1 best line
	•	Explanation x2
They are different (A) because Source B says the water sources are threatened by contamination (CC) whereas (CW) Source C says water sources are no longer threatened by contamination.[CC] The evidence in B is "Groundwater sources are quickly being depleted and freshwater streams have become contaminated." (EV), indicating that various water sources are used at a much faster rate and prone to pollution. However (CW), Source C says that "Grasses have also been planted in streams to help treat wastewater and reduce pollution levels."(EV), which shows that there are efforts to reduce the amount of contaminated particles in the water.	•	ATQ
	•	Common Criteria
	•	Comparison word
	•	Evidence 1 best line
	•	Explanation
Higher levels focuses on overall tone/ view/ purpose of the sources They are different (A) in their view/ tone towards the refugees. B has a critical view (CC) of the Rohingya issue and focuses on the problems created by the refugees, but (CW) Source C has a positive view (CC) of the Rohingya refugees, focusses on the growth and development of the refugee camps. This can be seen from Source B which says, "the lush, green, hilly landscape has rapidly transformed into flattened stretches of red earth covered in tents." (EV) suggesting the destruction brought about by having refugee camps (EXP) But (CW) C says "Grasses have been planted in streams to help treat wastewater and reduce pollution levels" suggesting	•	ATQ
	•	Common Criteria
	•	Comparison word
	•	Evidence 1 best line
	•	Explanation

the growth and rejuvenation brought about by refugee camps. (EXP) OR They are different (A) in their purpose. Source B wants to raise awareness to governments that the Rohingyas will bring immediate negative impacts to the environment of host countries, so that governments will reconsider, reduce or stop receiving refugees. Source B states that "Groundwater sources are quickly being depleted and freshwater streams have become contaminated", which shows that natural resources are running out very quickly, which may hinder the everyday activities and lifestyle of people. Source C wants to convince governments that the Rohingyas actually bring positive impacts to host countries in the long run so that governments will feel empathetic and reassured and will reach out to these refugees and offer them a place to stay in their countries. Source C states that 'Three years on, the refugees have replanted an area of more than six kilometers square', indicating that these refugees have brought positive impacts such as regeneration of land, plants and fauna in the long run, thus improving the environment of host countries.		
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3 Study Source D. How useful as evidence is Source D in showing the economic impact of the influx of refugees on Bangladesh? Explain your answer. [7]

Suggested Answer		Success Criteria
Note: - Always begin with USEFUL - "About" = Need to infer about the economic impact using adjective - Successful CR requires proper LOR → Reliable therefore useful/unreliable therefore less useful		
Source D is useful (A) as it is supported by F (LOR). Both (CW) suggest that refugees bring about a positive economic impact in Bangladesh. (CC) This can be seen from D which says "It is the refugees doing much of the hard, physically demanding work like farming." (EV) suggesting that the Rohingyas are taking up vacant hard labour jobs to contribute to Bangladesh's economy. Similarly, Source F states that "Rohingya refugees have created numerous job opportunities for many Bangladeshi people who are working as volunteers, relief specialists, researchers, health workers and so on in almost 150 national and international aid groups and non-governmental organizations currently operating in Rohingya camps.", suggesting that new jobs are created to bring revenue and economic growth to Bangladesh. Source D is not useful (A) as it is refuted by Source E (LOR). Source D suggests that refugees bring about a positive economic impact in	•	ATQ + LOR
	•	Common Criteria
	•	Comparison word
	•	Evidence x2 1 best line
	•	Explanation x2

Bangladesh while Source F suggests that refugees bring about a negative economic impact in Bangladesh. This can be seen from D which says “It is the refugees doing much of the hard, physically demanding work like farming.” (EV) suggesting that the Rohingyas are taking up vacant hard labour jobs to contribute to Bangladesh's economy. However, Source D states that “As a result, many people from the host communities are shifting to risky and temporary livelihood activities.”, suggesting that locals are taking up low-paying jobs that are not contributing much to Bangladesh's economy.		
Useful: Purpose/ Explained Provenance Source D is not useful (A) as evidence in showing the economic impact of the influx of refugees on Bangladesh as it is unreliable (LOR) as it is written by an organisation which aims to get richer countries to help the refugees. (D1) It is trying to convince/ persuade (P) richer countries that taking in the Rohingyas as refugees does not have much negative impacts,(M) so that richer countries would be more accepting towards the refugees,(F) take them into their countries and give them refuge. (A)This is because at that time, Bangladesh was hosting close to a million Rohingyas, thus there is a need to channel these refugees to other countries to prevent a strain in resources.(S) Hence it is unreliable because with this purpose, it will naturally only present the benefits that the refugees bring, while intentionally leaving out the negative impacts created by the refugees. Thus making the source biased in its opinions and hence unreliable and less useful. (Exp)	• ATQ + LOR	
	• Details from provenance D1, D2, D3	
	• Explanation of how it makes the source reliable therefore useful EXP1. EXP2, EXP3	

4. Study Sources E and F. Having Source E, are you surprised by Source F? Explain your answer. [7]

Suggested Answer Note: - Para 1: Must use both sources given → compare E & F - Para 2: Should move on to higher level skills like CR of main source / Explained provenance		Success Criteria
Comparison of E and F After reading E, I am not surprised by F (A), as F is expected as E supports F (LOR). E and F both (CW) suggest that the COVID-19 pandemic has worsened socio-economic inequalities in Singapore. (CC) Source E states that the pandemic “aggravated socio-economic fault lines along class” and “The public and policymakers are aware of the spotlight on inequalities, 'invisible populations', and 'digital divides'". Similarly, Source F also shows the inequalities between higher and lower-	• ATQ + LOR	
	• Common Criteria	
	• Comparison word	
	• Evidence x2 1 best line	

income households in Singapore during COVID-19 pandemic. The lower-income family is standing on fewer gold coins symbolising lower income and they are sinking in a sea of virus. Source F is not surprising as the pandemic has exposed the vulnerable groups even more when jobs especially in the services and retail sectors were lost. This resulted in the loss of income and lower standard of living that affected their well-being. OR After reading E, I am surprised by F (A) as F is unexpected as E refutes F (LOR). F suggests that the Rohingyas are earning alot of money (CC) but (CW) E suggests that the Rohingyas are not earning alot of money. (CC) Source E states that "The people from the Rohingya community demand much lower wage rates than the standard wage rate for the Bangladeshi community.", suggesting that the Rohingyas are underpaid by their employers, earning little money. However, Source F states that "Through working in humanitarian organizations, they are earning not only handsome salaries but quality skills."	• Explanation x2
Cross referencing of main source F After reading E, I am not surprised by F (A) as F is expected as it is supported by Source B.(LOR) Both (CW) F and B suggest that social division/ lack of unity during the pandemic. (CC) This can be seen from F which shows a student in a higher-income household using a computer during a lockdown. It also shows his father in formal office attire using a mobile device to continue working online and his mother in exercise attire. In contrast, the lower-income family is standing on fewer gold coins symbolising lower income and they are sinking in a sea of virus. They look hapless. This implies the lack of social cohesion that is worsened by the pandemic. It reveals that the higher-income households live comfortably with access to more resources whereas the lower-income households have limited access to resources and are stuck in poverty. Similarly Source B says "Staying safe comfortably, working from home and getting paid: these are marks of privilege, and out of reach for many lower-income families who lived in overcrowded conditions and faced mental health issues." suggesting that there is a divide between the high and low income in society during the pandemic.	• ATQ + LOR
	• Common Criteria
	• Comparison word
	• Evidence 1 best line
	• Explanation
Possible highest levels have to include the holistic use of provenance, context and content (L5/6) Having read E, i'm not surprised by F (A) because F is a reaction to E. F being a website which provides analysis of current affairs around the world (Who) will naturally (V) have done its research and collected data about the positive impacts of the refugees such as creating jobs for the local Bangladeshis (What) so that as a website analyzing current affairs,(Who) it can shed light on truths about the refugee situation in Bangladesh which the world may not know about. (Exp) because at that time, in Source E, news about refugees creating problems such as about causing loss of employment for Bangladeshis and also creating negative economic impact for the Bangladeshis was widespread (WHEN- Taken	• ATQ + LOR
	• Details from provenance Who, When, What, Why 4W3Vs + include context of E if possible
	• Explanation of how it makes the source expected/unexpected and thus not surprising/surprising.

from E), hence natural (V) that F, as analysis website would want to present an alternative and fairer picture about the refugee situation in Bangladesh (WHY) so that the world will have a fairer/ more holistic/ complete understanding of the situation, without just seeing the refugees as problems (EXP) hence not surprising.		
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'Bangladesh suffered as a result of accepting the Rohingya refugees' Using the sources in this case study, explain how far you would agree with this statement. [10] Note: ABS Agree - suffered Disagree - benefitted Suggested Answer		Success Criteria
I agree (A) as B says "groundwater sources are quickly being depleted and freshwater streams have become contaminated. (B) As a result, the locals would have less clean water for use (S) causing possible spread of diseases from contaminated water. (S) Reducing quality of life of the bangladeshis.(S)	•	ATQ
	•	Who
	•	Best evidence 1 line
	•	Reason why
	•	Sequence of outcomes beyond source (S1→ S2→S3)
I disagree (A) as C says "Grasses have also been planted in streams to help treat wastewater and reduce pollution levels."(B). As a result, water bodies become clean and usable by the locals (S) reducing spread of diseases through water pollution (S) increases the quality of life (S).	•	ATQ
	•	Who
	•	Best evidence 1 line
	•	Reason why
	•	Sequence of outcomes beyond source (S1→ S2→S3)
I agree (A) as E says, "The clients prefer to get their work done at a lower cost, which leaves the Bangladeshi labourers jobless." (B)As a result, they are unable to earn a salary (S) less able to afford the necessities (S) standard of living falls for the Bangladeshis. (S)	•	ATQ
	•	Who
	•	Reason why
	•	Best evidence 1 line
	•	Sequence of outcomes beyond source (S1→ S2→S3)

I disagree (A) as F says “a good number of local people of the Rohingya-hosted areas in Bangladesh are doing transportation jobs to convey goods in the Rohingya camps.”(B) As a result, they can earn a living. (S) They are able to purchase services and goods that they require (S) increasing their quality of life. (S)	•	ATQ
	•	Who
	•	Reason why
	•	Best evidence 1 line
	•	Sequence of outcomes beyond source (S1→ S2→S3)
Possible bonus must be tagged to specific sources Note: every bonus attempt must be linked to a source, and not writing about integration in general. - Contextual Knowledge - RELIABILITY/ SUFFICIENCY/ UTILITY - Balanced Conclusion/ resolution In the short term, there will be more suffering because the Bangladesh may not be able to respond positively to the influx of refugees. However, in the long run, if the government is able harness international aid to increase investment in Bangladesh, the manpower and the expertise from the Rohingya might actually benefit Bangladesh and the economy expands. [+2]		

Section B

6 Extract 1 shows that youths in Singapore are not interested in politics. 7

In your opinion, how can we encourage youths to participate actively in political activities?
Explain your answer with reference to 2 strategies.

Explains ONE OR TWO STRATEGIES (WHO TO DO WHAT)		5 - 7
Award 5 – 6 marks for 1 strategy explained Award 6 – 7 marks for 2 strategies explained Note: Accept feasible, logical strategy, strategies should have details One of the ways is for parents to influence their children about local politics.(D) For example, parents can bring their children to rallies before the General Election, using the campaign materials, newspaper articles, speeches of candidates to have discussion with their children. (E) By doing so, the youth may develop an interest in politics and will volunteer more with various political parties, or join the political groups' youth wing.(O) Another strategy is for schools to have discussions on local political issues, or send students for competitions such as Model UN. (D) For example, CCE/ SS lessons to discuss about local issues of different SES, needs of foreigners as more of them come to SG, participate in competitions in MODEL UN where students research		

about resources, problems, political interests of countries and have to present stands based on the geopolitical needs of the countries. (E) By doing so, students gain a deeper understanding of the issues facing SG, (O) their awareness makes them more motivated to see how they can play a role to contribute (O) hence more willing to participate in discussions such as Meet with MPs, SG Conversation or volunteer in nationwide events to contribute and benefit the country. (O)	
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7 Extract 2 and 3 show different ways the government works for the good of the society.

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Do you think ensuring security is more important than safeguarding the interests of the citizens? Explain your answer.

3	Explains factors Award 5 – 6 marks for explaining one factor Award 6 – 7 marks for explaining second factor Ensuring security is important because it ensures the country is safe from attacks by other countries and can maintain our independence (D). Government agencies like the police force and the civil defence force are trained to protect citizens from any harm to themselves or to their property. Agencies such as the army, navy and air force collaborate to defend Singapore against potential enemies in ensuring our external security. Maintaining internal order and external security is an important role of the government as it impacts the overall development and continued prosperity of the country. (E) When the government maintains internal and external order, people feel safe about living in Singapore.(O1) knowing their properties and businesses are protected.(O2) A peaceful environment can also attract tourists and foreign investors to Singapore (O3) and these are critical for Singapore's continued economic success. Safeguarding the interests of Singaporeans is also important because it ensures their well- being is met and their basic standard of living is achieved(D). For example, the government introduced the WorkRight Initiative to help both employees and employers understand their rights and responsibilities respectively. The WorkRight Initiative is intended to create awareness of employment rights among low-wage workers and better ensure retirement security for this group of workers. (E) By doing so, citizens are able to ensure they are fairly treated and paid at work receiving fair benefits(O1), and this reduces unhappiness amongst citizens (O2) and thus, keeping disruptions to society, keeping the peace and quality of lives in society(O3) working for the good of society (Link)	DEOL Eg needs to specific Name + 2 details
4	L3 – 2 factors explained + Weighs factors Accept any conclusions that are valid. I believe ensuring security is more important than safeguarding the interest of the citizens as ensuring security will ensure the continued independence of the nation and benefit the whole of the population. Conversely, if security is absent, the basic need of citizens will not be met, then it is pointless look after the interest of the citizen as they will feel unsafe and be vulnerable to attacks all the time.	8