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POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Instructions to Candidates

1. This examination paper contains **FOUR** questions and comprises **TWO** printed pages.
2. Answer **TWO** questions including **Question 1** in **SECTION A** which is compulsory and **ONE** other question from **SECTION B.**
3. The weightage of the final examination is 50%, i.e. 20% for the compulsory question and 30% for the other question.
4. This is a **CLOSED BOOK** examination.

SECTION A: ANSWER QUESTION 1 WHICH IS COMPULSORY

Question 1 (Compulsory Question)

Identify and illustrate the main nation-building challenges confronting Singapore today.

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION

Question 2

"There is no democracy in Singapore. What you have are the peculiar General Elections, the PAP-regulated civil society, and the usual promises of greater public participation in politics." Do you agree?

Question 3

Highlight the claims from both Malaysia and Singapore as to why Singapore was eventually booting out from the Malaysian federation in 1965. In your view, which country must take the bigger share of the blame for causing the separation of Singapore? Why?

Question 4

Compare and contrast the ideology, leadership, and political strategies adopted by both the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) and the Opposition Parties in securing electoral support all these years.

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