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Government and Politics of Singapore**

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Instructions to Candidates

1. This examination paper contains **FIVE** questions and comprises **TWO** printed pages.
2. Answer **TWO** questions only.
3. The weightage of the final examination is 50%.
4. This is a **CLOSED BOOK** examination.

ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS ONLY**Question 1**

To what extent has the August 1965 'moment of anguish' continued to impact on Singapore's politics to this day?

Question 2

"The introduction of the Group Representation Constituencies in Singapore has totally disadvantaged the opposition". Do you agree?

Question 3

"The October 2012 Amy Cheong incident clearly indicates that Singapore has a very long way to go in becoming a nation". Discuss.

Question 4

What are the main problems facing the PAP's attempt to renew its leadership? To what extent is the opposition more successful in this endeavour?

Question 5

"In the May 2012 Hougang by-election, the PAP's defeat was extremely surprising". Do you agree?

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