

# SBQ Practice (Message and Surprise)

## Q1. Study Source A. What is the message of the source? Explain your answer.

One message is that the ageing population has a negative impact on economic growth as it results in an economic slowdown in a country and hence New Zealanders need to have the political will to support changes to existing policies to cater to the needs of their population, despite these measures being unpopular. This is evident in Source A which shows the elderly population still working as construction workers, postman, delivery workers which may be having issues with their productivity as the workers seem lethargic and sleepy. In addition, the response from the elderly couple indicating their choice of "Letting more people into N.Z." shows that introducing younger foreign workers/new immigrants is a viable way to boost the productivity in the economy.

## Q2. Study Source D. How surprised are you by this source? Explain your answer.

No Question Issue → Look at Background Information for ideas.  
Cross-ref both sides

CR      CR  
PEE\_D   PEE\_D  
+PEE\_CR - PEE\_CR  
Logic    Logic  
S → NS\_p D → S\_p

### ML

#### I am surprised/not surprised by content in D (Common-sense answers)

- Society needs to prepare for ageing population (Similar to Background Information)

#### I am surprised/not surprised by content in D by doing comparison/cross-ref checks with other sources

- D: Valuable contribution by the elderly (Similar to C: which also shows valuable contribution by the elderly)
- D: elderly workers are welcomed by companies (Different from B: which shows elderly workers are not welcomed by the companies.)

### HL - 5-6m

#### I am not surprised + surprised by content in D by doing comparison/cross-ref checks with other sources.

### HL - 7m

#### I am not surprised by content in D due to developed explanation on Provenance/Purpose of the author.

- Identity: (Ong Ye Kung; Minister of Health)
- Message: Government has put in place policy to prepare for ageing population
- Context: the launch of the 2023 Action Plan for Successful Ageing in Singapore and there is a growing ageing population
- Outcome: To convince and reassure Singaporeans that government has put in place in the policy and for Singaporeans to be supportive and extending their care and support for the elderly; so as to

extend the inclusivity for the elderly.

- Expectancy: Expected because as a health minister, he needs to put in place policies to cater to the needs of the elderly and convince Singaporeans to be receptive to the growing societal needs of an ageing population. (Context)
- **Notes:** Outcome includes direct impact (for Singaporeans to be supportive... ) and the larger context (so as to extend the inclusivity for the elderly.)

### **Marking CR answers**

1. Matching points (base vs CR)
2. Are evidences supporting the points
3. Logic of comparing/CR
  - $L_s \rightarrow NS_p$
  - $D \rightarrow S_p$