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| **STRUCTURED RESPONSE QUESTIONS for SOCIAL STUDIES** |

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

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| SRQ 6 | In your opinion, suggest two ways to encourage youth to volunteer. (7m) |
| SRQ 7 | Do you think **maintaining law and order** is more important than **protecting national interests** for the good of society? Explain your answer. (8M) |

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| **STEPS FOR SRQ 6**  **EXPLAINING 1 SOLUTION will help the students achieve 5-6 marks.**  **EXPLAINING 2 SOLUTIONS will help the students achieve 7 marks.**  HOW TO EXPLAIN 1 SOLUTION IN A PARAGRAPH:   * STATE YOUR SOLUTION/IDEA/MESSAGE * GIVE A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE RELATED TO YOUR SOLUTION/IDEA/MESSAGE * EXPLAIN THE IMPACT IN RELATION TO THE QUESTION. |

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| **STEPS FOR SRQ 7**  **EXPLAINING 1 GIVEN POINT will help the students achieve 6 marks.**  **EXPLAINING 2 GIVEN POINTS will help the students achieve 8marks.**  HOW TO EXPLAIN 1 GIVEN POINT IN A PARAGRAPH:   * STATE THE GIVEN POINT YOU ARE EXPLAINING. * GIVE A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE RELATED TO THE GIVEN POINT. * EXPLAIN THE IMPACT IN RELATION TO THE QUESTION.   AFTER EXPLAINING BOTH GIVEN POINTS – WRITE A CONCLUSION WHICH WEIGHS BOTH POINTS. |

SAMPLE ANSWERS

**SRQ 6**

In your opinion, **suggest two ways** to encourage youth to volunteer. Explain your answer with two suggestions. (7m)

One way is to use social media platforms. Social media is wide used by youths. For example, social media campaigns can be publicised on platforms such as TikTok and Instagram and these campaigns can reach out to thousands of youths. These campaigns can showcase the benefits of volunteering and how it positively impacts society. It can also showcase how volunteers benefit by helping others. Experiences by volunteers can be shared in these platforms to inspire other potential volunteers. In doing so, it will help youth understand the importance of volunteering, and encourage more to volunteer.

**SRQ 7**

Do you think **maintaining law and order** is more important than **protecting national interests** for the good of society? Explain your answer. (8m)

Maintaining law and order is important for the good of society. Ensuring law and order is essential as it safeguards the safety and security of citizens from harm and injustice. In Singapore, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) plays a vital role in crime prevention and deterrence by implementing initiatives to prevent threats from escalating and causing harm. For example, the SPF collaborates with various stakeholders, including students, to run campaigns aimed at combating scams, thereby promoting awareness and reducing crime in society. **By keeping people safe from harm and injustice, society feels more secure, allowing everyone to live, work, and interact without fear. Campaigns like anti-scam initiatives help people stay aware and protect themselves, leading to less crime. This creates a safer, more peaceful community, supports economic growth, attracts investments, and improves everyone’s quality of life.**

Protecting national interests is also important for the good of society. National interests are essential for a country's security and well-being and can be protected through diplomacy and deterrence. Diplomacy involves agreements between countries to cooperate on shared interests. Bilateral diplomacy, which focuses on relationships between two countries, helps nurture mutual benefits, especially in areas like trade. For example, the 1962 Water Agreement with Malaysia ensures Singapore's access to raw water from the Johor River in exchange for treated water. **Strong diplomatic ties allow small countries like Singapore to protect their national interests, safeguard common goals, and resolve conflicts peacefully.**

**Conclusion:**

Both roles are important, but maintaining **law and order** is more important. Without security and stability, the country cannot function properly — businesses would not invest, and citizens would not feel safe to work or live their lives. Law and order provides the foundation for economic progress. Therefore, while ensuring economic well-being is necessary, maintaining law and order is ultimately the **more important role** of the government in Singapore.