

Past Year 'A' Level GP **Paper 1 Questions** (21st C edition)

ANIMALS

1. Since the extinction of species is a natural phenomenon, is there any point in trying to prevent it? (2022)
2. Can the use of animals for scientific research ever be justified? (2017) → also in Science
3. To what extent are the rights of animals protected in your society? (2012) → also in Your Country/Society
4. Is there a case for keeping animals in zoos? (2002)

ARCHITECTURE, BUILDINGS & VENUES

5. 'We shape our buildings, but then our buildings shape us.' To what extent is this true of your society? (2020) → also in Culture, Your Country/Society
6. Assess the view that traditional buildings have no future in your society. (2016) → also in Your Country/Society
7. 'Only modern architecture and modern art have a place in today's world.' How true is this of your society? (2011) → also in Arts, Your Country/Society
8. Would it matter if all performing arts venues in your society, such as concert halls and theatres, were closed down? (2010) → also in Arts, Your Country/Society

THE ARTS (including LITERATURE & BOOKS)

9. 'Drama on television or film are never as effective as a live performance.' Discuss. (2022) → also in Media
10. Examine the claim that music without words lacks both meaning and appeal. (2022)
11. 'The arts are nothing more than a luxury.' How far is this true of your society? (2021) → also in Your Society/Country
12. 'Films are concerned with escaping from the problems of everyday life, rather than addressing them.' Discuss. (2021)
13. 'An appreciation of music is vital for a fully rounded education.' How true is this of your society? (2020) → also in Education, Your Society/Country
14. Can fiction teach us anything meaningful about the real world? (2019)
15. 'Works of art which have been removed from their country of origin should be returned.' Discuss. (2018) → also in Politics
16. How far is science fiction becoming fact? (2017) → also in Science
17. In your society, to what extent is it acceptable for public money to be used for the acquisition of works of art? (2017) → also in Politics, Your Country/Society
18. Examine the role of music in establishing a national identity in your society. (2017) → also in Your Country/Society
19. 'Any adaptation of a novel for film, television or the theatre is never as effective as the original.' Discuss. (2016) → also in Media
20. 'Books serve little purpose in education as technological developments become more sophisticated.' How far do you agree? (2015) → also in Education, Technology
21. To what extent should the arts in your society focus on local rather than foreign talent? (2015)

22. Do films offer anything more than an escape from reality? (2014) → also in Media
23. 'For the majority of people, the Arts are irrelevant to their daily lives.' How true is this of your society? (2014)
24. 'Unlike the Arts, such as writing or music, Mathematics lacks the capacity for creativity.' How far do you agree with this statement? (2013) → also in Mathematics, Arts
25. 'People in the Arts, living or dead, receive far more recognition than those in the Sciences, even though it is less deserved.' Consider this claim. (2012) → also in Science
26. 'Only modern architecture and modern art have a place in today's world.' How true is this of your society? (2011) → also in Architecture, Your Country/Society
27. 'The book has no place in modern society.' Discuss. (2010)
28. Would it matter if all performing arts venues in your society, such as concert halls and theatres, were closed down? (2010) → also in Architecture, Your Country/Society
29. Are certain types of writing superior to others? (2009)
30. Assess the impact of foreign films or foreign TV programmes on the culture of your society. (2009) → also in Culture, Media, Your Country/Society
31. To what extent is design important in your society? (2008) → also in Fashion/Design, Your Country/Society
32. Nowadays, the pleasures of reading can never compete with the pleasures of visual entertainment.' To what extent do you agree? (2008) → also in Media
33. 'Contemporary music has no artistic value.' Is this a fair comment? (2008)
34. 'The arts cannot change the world, but they make it more beautiful.' Discuss this view with reference to one of the following: painting, sculpture or music. (2007)
35. 'A picture is always more powerful than mere words.' What is your view? (2006) → also in Language
36. Do myths and legends still have a role to play in Singapore? (2006) → also in Culture, Religion, Your Country/Society
37. Do the arts, such as music and literature, really play a significant part in Singaporean society? (2005) → also in Your Country/Society
38. Discuss the appeal and value of fantasy stories and films. (2004) → also in Media
39. Does the book still have a future? (2003)
40. 'A work of art can never be valued just in financial terms.' Discuss. (2002)
41. 'A film has one purpose—to entertain.' Using examples, consider this view. (2001) → also in Media

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

42. Consider the view that people imprisoned for crimes should lose all their rights. (2022) → also in Human Rights
43. 'Rehabilitation, not punishment, should be the purpose of the justice system.' Discuss. (2017)
44. To what extent is it possible 'to make the punishment fit the crime'? (2013)
45. Is violence ever justified? (2012) → also in War
46. How far can an individual be held responsible for crimes against humanity? (2010) → also in Human Rights
47. Should crimes that were committed many years ago simply be forgotten? (2006)
48. 'Too much attention is given to criminals; not enough to their victims.' Is this true?

(2005)

49. Should the police have unlimited powers when dealing with crime? (2002)

CULTURE, TRADITION & CRAFTSMANSHIP

50. 'We shape our buildings, but then our buildings shape us.' To what extent is this true of your society? (2020) → also in Architecture, Your Country/Society
51. Assess the importance of food within Singapore culture. (2019) → also in Food, Your Country/Society
52. Do handicrafts still have value when machine-produced goods are so readily available? (2018)
53. How important is it for people in your society to retain a sense of tradition? (2010) → also in Your Country/Society
54. Assess the impact of foreign films or foreign TV programmes on the culture of your society. (2009) → also in Arts, Media, Your Country/Society
55. 'Mass production inevitably means a loss of craftsmanship and quality.' Is this true in your society? (2007) → also in Your Country/Society
56. Do myths and legends still have a role to play in Singapore? (2006) → also in Arts, Religion, Your Country/Society

ECONOMICS, BUSINESS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

57. How far can prosperity and uncontrolled population growth go hand in hand? (2020)
58. To what extent is the pursuit of continuous economic growth a desirable goal? (2018)
59. 'People who do the most worthwhile jobs rarely receive the best financial rewards.' To what extent is this true of your society? (2016) → also in Work, Your Country/Society
60. Considering the money involved, should developing countries be allowed to host major sporting events? (2016) → also in Sports
61. 'Human need, rather than profit, should always be the main concern of scientific research.' Discuss. (2016) → also in Science
62. In your society, how well are the demands of the economy and the environment balanced? (2015) → also in Environment
63. How far should firms be allowed to limit their workers' rights when profits are at stake? (2014) → also in Human Rights, Work
64. How far is increased prosperity for all a realistic goal in your society? (2013) → also in Your Country/Society
65. How far is it acceptable for technology to be used only for financial benefit? (2012) → also in Economics
66. 'The key criterion for good government is how well the economy is managed.' Is this a fair assessment? (2012) → also in Politics
67. To what extent is it acceptable for private companies to be involved in financing scientific research? (2011) → also in Science
68. Does sport merit the vast sums of money that are spent on it? (2010) → also in Sports
69. 'The person who dies rich dies disgraced.' Discuss. (2010)

70. How far is it possible to ensure that all producers of food and goods are fairly rewarded? (2008) → also in Food
71. Should poorer countries develop their tourist industry when the basic needs of their own people are not being met? (2007) → also in Geography, Poverty
72. 'National boundaries make little geographical or economic sense nowadays.' Discuss. (2006) → also in Geography
73. 'Entrepreneurship is just another name for personal greed.' How far do you agree with this statement? (2006)
74. Examine the claim that the world is too dependent on oil. (2005) → also in Environment
75. To what extent should the State involve itself in the world of business? (2005) → also in Politics
76. Have multi-national businesses had a positive or negative impact on your society? (2004)
77. To what extent are small businesses preferable to large ones? (2003)
78. Is sport too closely linked to money these days? (2001) → also in Sports
79. 'The most worthwhile jobs are those with the least financial gain.' Do you agree? (2001) → also in Work

EDUCATION & LEARNING

80. 'An appreciation of music is vital for a fully rounded education.' How true is this of your society? (2020) → also in Arts, Your Society/Country
81. Consider the argument that the main purpose of television should be to educate rather than simply to entertain. (2015) → also in Media
82. 'Books serve little purpose in education as technological developments become more sophisticated.' How far do you agree? (2015) → also in Technology
83. 'Education should only be concerned with what is useful in life.' Discuss. (2013)
84. The word *failure* should never be used in education.' Discuss (2007)
85. Consider the view that the study of mathematics is intellectually satisfying, but of little practical use. (2005) → also in Mathematics
86. 'Conformity should be the main aim of all schools.' How far do you agree? (2002)

FAMILY, MARRIAGE, THE YOUNG & THE OLD

87. Should both parents take equal responsibility for raising their children? (2019)
88. 'Religion is an important part of the lives of young people today.' Consider whether this is true in your society. (2019) → also in Religion, Your Country/Society
89. Parents have no right to impose their own values and beliefs on their children.' Discuss. (2015)
90. When a government's finances for social welfare are limited, should they be directed towards the young or the old? (2015) → also in Human Rights, Politics
91. 'Traditional marriage is an outdated concept.' To what extent is this true of your society? (2014) → also in Your Country/Society
92. How far do magazines or television programmes aimed at young people in Singapore have a positive effect? (2005) → also in Media, Your Country/Society
93. To what extent are the young in Singapore favoured at the expense of the elderly? (2004) → also in Your Country/Society

94. 'The family has suffered at the expense of career in Singaporean society.' Is this a fair comment? (2003) → also in Work
95. Is the idea of having one partner for life still a realistic one? (2001)

FASHION, DESIGN & APPEARANCE

96. To what extent are people judged more by their physical appearance than by their abilities? (2017)
97. 'Fashion is as much a good thing as a bad thing.' To what extent do you agree? (2009)
98. To what extent is design important in your society? (2008) → also in Arts, Your Country/Society
99. "Far too much attention is given to beauty products and treatments." Do you agree? (2004)

FOOD & HUNGER

100. What an individual eats or drinks should not be the concern of the state.' What is your view? (2021) → also in Politics, Human Rights
101. 'Science is the only answer to global hunger.' Discuss. (2019) → also in Science
102. Assess the importance of food within Singapore culture. (2019) → also in Culture, Your Country/Society
103. 'Scientific research into health and diet is unreliable as it so often contradicts itself.' Is this a fair comment? (2013) → also in Medicine/Health, Science
104. How effective are international efforts to solve the problem of global hunger? (2010) → also in Politics
105. Can the transport of food over vast distances be justified? (2009) → also in Transport
106. How far is it possible to ensure that all producers of food and goods are fairly rewarded? (2008) → also in Economics

GEOGRAPHY

107. Assess the view that most natural disasters are the result of human activity. (2016) → also in Environment
108. To what extent does the migration of people have a positive effect? (2008)
109. How far do physical features, such as size and location, determine a country's progress? (2008)
110. Should poorer countries develop their tourist industry when the basic needs of their own people are not being met? (2007) → see also Economics
111. 'National boundaries make little geographical or economic sense nowadays.' Discuss. (2006) → also in Economics
112. 'The tourist does not see the country the inhabitants know.' How far is this true of Singapore? (2005) → also in Your Country/Society
113. In what ways does a country both benefit and suffer from where it is situated? (2001)

HISTORY & THE PAST

114. 'Too many historical figures are famous for the wrong reasons.' Discuss. (2022)
115. 'The past is not dead; it is not even past.' Discuss. (2017)
116. How far is it possible for one country to forgive another for its past actions? (2015)
117. Is there any point in trying to predict future trends? (2013)
118. 'The most influential individuals in history are those who have caused the most harm.' How far would you accept this view? (2012)
119. 'History records male acts, written by males, and holds little interest for females as a result.' Is this a fair comment? (2009)
120. How important is a sense of history in shaping the future of Singapore society? (2007) → also in Your Country/Society
121. Do the past and present offer any guidance for the future? (2004)
122. Is History anything more than the study of warfare? (2003)
123. Does a study of history make you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the human race? (2002)
124. 'History can never be anything more than an intelligent guess at what the past was like. The reality is inevitably lost for ever.' Do you agree? (2001)

HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITY & ETHICS

125. Consider the view that people imprisoned for crimes should lose all their rights. (2022) → also in Crime
126. Assess the extent to which different age groups in your society are valued equally. (2022) → also in Your Country/Society
127. 'The results of scientific research should be available to everyone.' How far do you agree? (2022) → also in Science
128. What an individual eats or drinks should not be the concern of the state.' What is your view? (2021) → also in Politics
129. Examine the view that the scientist is concerned only with knowledge, not morality. (2020) → also in Science
130. 'In a free society, there should be no restrictions on freedom of speech.' Discuss. (2020)
131. How far should countries have relations with others whose human rights record is poor? (2019) → also in Politics
132. To what extent should income equality be a goal in your society? (2019) → also in Your Country/Society
133. 'Everyone has an opinion but not everyone's opinion is of equal value.' What is your view? (2016)
134. Evaluate the claim that equality of opportunity for females is a desirable, but unrealistic goal. (2016)
135. When a government's finances for social welfare are limited, should they be directed towards the young or the old? (2015) → also in Economics, Politics
136. How far should firms be allowed to limit their workers' rights when profits are at stake? (2014) → also in Economics, Work
137. How far in your society, should unpopular views be open to discussion? (2013) → also in Your Country/Society, Politics
138. Should people be allowed to have children by artificial means? (2013) → also in

Medicine/Wellbeing

139. In your society, how far is equality for all a reality? (2012) → also in Human Rights
140. Should everyone be expected to donate suitable organs after death? (2012)
141. Can prejudice ever be eliminated? (2011)
142. How far can an individual be held responsible for crimes against humanity? (2010) → also in Crime
143. As long as people in the public eye do their job well, does it matter what they do in private? (2009) → also in Media, Politics, Work
144. Many developed countries are paying increasing attention to the needs of the disadvantaged. How far is this true in Singapore? (2008) → also in Your Country/Society
145. How far should a state have a right to monitor the actions of people within its borders? (2007) → also in Politics
146. 'Women will never enjoy the same rights as men.' Do you agree? (2006) → also in Society
147. "People, not the government, should decide how to organise their lives." Is this a fair comment? (2004) → also in Politics
148. How far can the needs of minorities be met in modern Singapore? (2003) → also in Your Country/Society

LANGUAGE

149. 'The quality of written language is being destroyed by social media.' What is your view? (2017) → also in Media
150. Consider the view that spoken language is more important than the written form. (2013)
151. Is there any value in preserving minority languages in the world? (2012)
152. 'The pen is mightier than the sword.' Can written language really be so powerful? (2007)
153. 'A picture is always more powerful than mere words.' What is your view? (2006) → also in Arts
154. 'The world would be better off if everyone spoke the same language.' Discuss. (2006)

THE MEDIA & SOCIAL MEDIA

155. 'Drama on television or film are never as effective as a live performance.' Discuss. (2022) → also in Arts
156. To what extent has social media devalued true friendship in your society? (2021) → also in Your Country/Society
157. Is news today reliable? (2021)
158. 'Advertising is largely about persuading people to buy what they do not need.' How far do you agree? (2021)
159. Consider the view that social media has more influence than politicians. (2019) → also in Politics
160. Does violence in the visual media portray reality or encourage the unacceptable? (2019)
161. 'The quality of written language is being destroyed by social media.' What is your

- view? (2017) → also in Language
162. Is regulation of the press desirable? (2017)
163. 'Any adaptation of a novel for film, television or the theatre is never as effective as the original.' Discuss. (2016) → also in Arts
164. Consider the argument that the main purpose of television should be to educate rather than simply to entertain. (2015)
165. 'There is no such thing as bad publicity.' To what extent is this true? (2015)
166. Do films offer anything more than an escape from reality? (2014)
167. In the digital age do newspapers still have a role in your society? (2011) → also in Your Country/Society
168. Assess the impact of foreign films or foreign TV programmes on the culture of your society. (2009) → also in Arts, Culture, Your Country/Society
169. As long as people in the public eye do their job well, does it matter what they do in private? (2009) → also in Human Rights, Politics, Work
170. Nowadays, the pleasures of reading can never compete with the pleasures of visual entertainment.' To what extent do you agree? (2008) → also in Arts
171. 'Advertisements are often entertaining, but they rarely affect consumer choice.' Is this your experience? (2007)
172. To what extent do the newspapers and magazines that you read deal with what is trivial, rather than what is important? (2006)
173. How far do magazines or television programmes aimed at young people in Singapore have a positive effect? (2005) → also in Family, Your Country/Society
174. Advertising encourages a desire for products which people do not actually need. Discuss. (2004)
175. Discuss the appeal and value of fantasy stories and films. (2004) → also in Arts
176. Can the media ever be relied upon to convey the truth? (2003)
177. Should advertising be restricted in any way? (2001)
178. 'A film has one purpose – to entertain.' Using examples, consider this view. (2001) → also in Arts

MATHEMATICS

179. Consider the view that mathematics is of little interest to most people as it is too complex. (2022)
180. How reliable are statistics as a guide for planning the future? (2020) → also in Politics
181. How far has modern technology made it necessary for individuals to possess mathematical skills? (2016) → also in Technology
182. 'Unlike the Arts, such as writing or music, Mathematics lacks the capacity for creativity.' How far do you agree with this statement? (2013) → also in Arts
183. Consider the view that mathematics possesses not only truth, but supreme beauty. (2012)
184. Can mathematics be seen as anything more than a useful tool in everyday life? (2010)
185. Discuss the view that too much faith is placed in statistics. (2008)
186. Consider the view that the study of mathematics is intellectually satisfying, but of little practical use. (2005) → also in Education
187. 'Statistics measure everything but prove nothing'. Discuss. (2003)

MEDICINE, HEALTH, WELLBEING, PROCREATION & SURVIVAL

188. Consider the view that we do not take enough responsibility for our own wellbeing. (2018)
189. 'Longer life expectancy created more problems than benefits.' Discuss. (2016)
190. How effectively is public health promoted and managed in your society? (2015)
→ also in Politics
191. 'Scientific research into health and diet is unreliable as it so often contradicts itself.' Is this a fair comment? (2013) → also in Food, Science
192. Should people be allowed to have children by artificial means? (2013) → also in Human Rights
193. How far should medical resources be used to extend life expectancy? (2011)
194. 'The key to good health is lifestyle rather than medicine.' How far do you agree? (2010)
195. Should research into expensive medical treatments be allowed when only a few can afford them? (2007) → also in Science
196. How far is your country prepared for future crises? (2006) → also in Politics, Your Country/Society
197. 'Medical science has become so successful that people now expect too much of it.' Discuss. (2005) → also in Science
198. Should medical science always seek to prolong life? (2003) → also in Science
199. 'If people become ill it is largely their own fault.' How far do you agree? (2002)
200. Examine the implications of cloning for the human race. (2001) → also in Science

NATURE, ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

201. Assess the view that attempts to control climate change can never be truly effective. (2017)
202. Assess the view that most natural disasters are the result of human activity. (2016) → also in Geography
203. Should there be any controls over the production of energy when the need for it is so great? (2015)
204. In your society, how well are the demands of the economy and the environment balanced? (2015) → also in Economy
205. Discuss the view that, with an increasing global need for energy, every possible source should be exploited to the full. (2014)
206. How important is it to save plant and animal species which are in danger of extinction? (2013)
207. 'Environmental concerns and economic growth cannot co-exist'. Do you agree? (2011)
208. 'Air travel should be discouraged, not promoted.' To what extent do you agree? (2008)
209. Is it possible to protect the environment when countries require increasing amounts of energy to progress? (2007)
210. Examine the claim that the world is too dependent on oil. (2005) → also in Economics
211. How far is recycling the answer to the problem of waste? (2004)

POLITICS, GOVERNMENT & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

212. 'Power these days lies more with the people than the politicians.' To what extent is this true? (2021)
213. 'What an individual eats or drinks should not be the concern of the state.' What is your view? (2021) → also in Human Rights, Food
214. 'How reliable are statistics as a guide for planning the future?' (2020) → also in Mathematics
215. 'Individuals achieve sporting success, not nations.' Discuss. (2020) → also in Sports
216. 'Given greater levels of international cooperation, how necessary is it for countries to engage in the arms trade?' (2020) → also in Security
217. 'Should politicians pursue the popular viewpoint or their own convictions, if they conflict?' (2020)
218. 'Is modern technology a benefit or a threat to democracy?' (2020) → also in Technology
219. 'Consider the view that social media has more influence than politicians.' (2019) → also in Media
220. 'A leader's responsibility should always be to his or her own country, not other countries.' Discuss. (2019)
221. 'How far should countries have relations with others whose human rights record is poor?' (2019) → also in Human Rights
222. 'In the global village we inhabit, there is no justification for national boundaries.' How far do you agree? (2018)
223. 'Discuss the view that all countries have an equal responsibility to counter terrorism.' (2018) → also in War
224. 'Works of art which have been removed from their country of origin should be returned.' Discuss. (2018) → also in Arts
225. 'Foreign aid does not solve long-term problems.' To what extent is this a fair viewpoint? (2018) → also in Poverty
226. 'In your society, to what extent is it acceptable for public money to be used for the acquisition of works of art?' (2017) → also in Arts, Your Country/Society
227. 'Do events, rather than politicians, shape the future?' (2017)
228. 'Countries experiencing conflict should be left to sort out their own problems.' How far do you agree? (2016) → also in War
229. 'How far is it possible for one country to forgive another for its past actions?' (2015)
230. 'When a government's finances for social welfare are limited, should they be directed towards the young or the old?' (2015) → also in Economics, Human Rights
231. 'In times of economic hardship, should a country still be expected to provide financial or material aid to others?' (2014) → also in Poverty
232. 'How effectively is public health promoted and managed in your society?' (2015) → also in Medicine/Wellbeing
233. 'How far is it important for people to be aware of current events in countries other than their own?' (2014)
234. 'The world would be a better place if more political leaders were women.' What is your view? (2013)

235. Discuss the claim that in the modern world people should care more about international than national issues. (2013)
236. Why should we be concerned about current affairs when most of them will be soon forgotten? (2013)
237. How far, in your society, should unpopular views be open to discussion? (2013) → also in Human Rights, Your Country/Society
238. 'The key criterion for good government is how well the economy is managed.' Is this a fair assessment? (2012) → also in Economics
239. Consider the view that efficient government is more important than democracy. (2011)
240. How far should countries aim to be self-sufficient? (2011)
241. 'No politician's reputation can survive the judgement of time.' How true is this? (2010)
242. How effective are international efforts to solve the problem of global hunger? (2010) → also in Food
243. Is the elimination of global poverty a realistic aim? (2009) → also in Politics
244. How far should religion influence political decisions? (2009) → also in Religion
245. As long as people in the public eye do their job well, does it matter what they do in private? (2009) → also in Human Rights, Media, Work
246. 'Only educated people should have the right to vote.' What is your view? (2009)
247. Does the presence of a foreign power ever help a country with problems? (2008)
248. How far should a state have a right to monitor the actions of people within its borders? (2007) → also in Human Rights
249. 'The view of the majority is always right.' Do you agree? (2007)
250. How far is your country prepared for future crises? (2006) → also in Medicine/Wellbeing, Your Country/Society
251. To what extent should the State involve itself in the world of business? (2005) → also in Economics
252. Can small countries have a significant voice in world affairs? (2004)
253. "People, not the government, should decide how to organise their lives." Is this a fair comment? (2004) → also in Human Rights
254. "A good leader must always look beyond the needs of his or her country." Do you agree? (2003)
255. Is friendly rivalry ever possible? (2002)
256. Can the trade in weapons ever be justified? (2002)
257. Discuss the extent to which global and national interests can be balanced. (2001)

POVERTY & AID

258. To what extent is charitable giving desirable? (2021)
259. 'Foreign aid does not solve long-term problems.' To what extent is this a fair viewpoint? (2018) → also in Politics
260. In times of economic hardship, should a country still be expected to provide financial or material aid to others? (2014) → also in Politics
261. Is the elimination of global poverty a realistic aim? (2009) → also in Politics
262. Should poorer countries develop their tourist industry when the basic needs of their own people are not being met? (2007) → also in Economics, Geography
263. Is there still a place for charity in today's world? (2006)

264. Are the poor an inevitable feature of any society? (2004)

RELIGION, SUPERSTITION & THE SUPERNATURAL

265. Does religion still have a role in the modern world? (2022)

266. 'Religion is an important part of the lives of young people today.' Consider whether this is true in your society. (2019) → also in Family, Your Country/Society

267. Human actions should be based on scientific fact, not religious faith.' How far do you agree with this statement? (2015) → also in Science

268. 'The more science advances, the more religion will decline.' To what extent do you agree? (2008) → also in Science

269. Can a belief in the supernatural be sustained in our modern world? (2007)

270. Do myths and legends still have a role to play in Singapore? (2006) → also in Arts, Culture, Your Country/Society

271. 'Science and religion will always conflict.' Discuss. (2002) → also in Science

272. How far should religion influence political decisions? (2009) → Also in Politics

273. Discuss the importance of religion in society today. (2004)

SECURITY, WAR & PEACE

274. Given greater levels of international cooperation, how necessary is it for countries to engage in the arms trade? (2020) → also in Politics

275. Discuss the view that all countries have an equal responsibility to counter terrorism. (2018) → also in Politics

276. 'Countries experiencing conflict should be left to sort out their own problems.' How far do you agree? (2016) → also in Politics

277. 'No cause is ever worth dying for.' Discuss. (2015)

278. How far is it possible for one country to forgive another for its past actions? (2015)

279. Examine the extent to which expenditure on arms and the armed forces is justifiable in the modern world. (2014)

280. Is violence ever justified? (2012) → also in Crime

281. To what extent has technology had an impact on both privacy and security in your country? (2009) → also in Technology, Your Country/Society

282. 'The prospect of a Third World War is now unthinkable.' Do you agree? (2002)

283. Can the trade in weapons ever be justified? (2002)

SPORTS & SPORTS EVENTS

284. 'Staging major sporting events brings nothing but benefits to the host country.' Discuss. (2021)

285. 'Individuals achieve sporting success, not nations.' Discuss. (2020) → also in Politics

286. To what extent is sporting achievement given adequate recognition in your society? (2018) → also in Your Country/Society

287. Considering the money involved, should developing countries be allowed to host major sporting events? (2016) → also in Economics

288. 'Gambling on sport undermines its spirit and should be banned.' How realistic is this position? (2014)
289. Does sport merit the vast sums of money that are spent on it? (2010) → also in Economics
290. 'Hosting major sporting events creates more problems than benefits.' Do you agree? (2005)
291. Is sport too closely linked to money these days? (2001) → also in Economics

SCIENCE

292. 'The results of scientific research should be available to everyone.' How far do you agree? (2022) → also in Human Rights
293. 'Scientific advancement breeds complacency.' How far do you agree? (2021)
294. Examine the view that the scientist is concerned only with knowledge, not morality. (2020) → also in Human Rights
295. 'Science is the only answer to global hunger.' Discuss. (2019) → also in Food
296. Can the use of animals for scientific research ever be justified? (2017) → also in Animals
297. How far is science fiction becoming fact? (2017) → also in Arts
298. 'Human need, rather than profit, should always be the main concern of scientific research.' Discuss. (2016) → also in Economics
299. Human actions should be based on scientific fact, not religious faith.' How far do you agree with this statement? (2015)
300. To what extent can the regulation of scientific or technological developments be justified? (2014) → also in Technology
301. 'Scientific research into health and diet is unreliable as it so often contradicts itself.' Is this a fair comment? (2013) → also in Medicine/Health, Food
302. 'People in the Arts, living or dead, receive far more recognition than those in the Sciences, even though it is less deserved.' Consider this claim. (2012) → also in Arts
303. To what extent is it acceptable for private companies to be involved in financing scientific research? (2011) → also in Science
304. Can space research be justified nowadays? (2011)
305. 'Science is unreliable, being based as much on theory as on fact.' Is this a fair comment? (2011)
306. Should every country have the right to carry out unlimited scientific research? (2009)
307. 'The more science advances, the more religion will decline.' To what extent do you agree? (2008) → also in Religion
308. Should research into expensive medical treatments be allowed when only a few can afford them? (2007) → also in Medicine/Wellbeing
309. 'Medical science has become so successful that people now expect too much of it.' Discuss. (2005) → also in Medicine/Wellbeing
310. 'Medical science has become so successful that people now expect too much of it.' Discuss. (2005)
311. Is effective farming possible without science? (2005)
312. Should medical science always seek to prolong life? (2003) → also in Medicine/Wellbeing

313. 'Science and religion will always conflict.' Discuss. (2002) → also in Religion
 314. Examine the implications of cloning for the human race. (2001) → also in Medicine/Wellbeing

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

315. Is modern technology a benefit or a threat to democracy? (2020) → also in Politics
 316. To what extent is artificial intelligence replacing the role of humans? (2019)
 317. In an age of rapid technological advancement, is a single career for life realistic? (2018) → also in Work
 318. How far has modern technology made it necessary for individuals to possess mathematical skills? (2016) → also in Mathematics
 319. 'Longer life expectancy created more problems than benefits.' Discuss. (2016)
 320. 'Books serve little purpose in education as technological developments become more sophisticated.' How far do you agree? (2015) → also in Education, Arts
 321. To what extent can the regulation of scientific or technological developments be justified? (2014) → also in Science
 322. How far is it acceptable for technology to be used only for financial benefit? (2012) → also in Economics
 323. To what extent has technology had a negative impact on the skill levels of people? (2010)
 324. To what extent has technology had an impact on both privacy and security in your country? (2009) → also in Your Country/Society
 325. Does modern technology always improve the quality of people's lives? (2006)
 326. Does the modern world place too much reliance on technology? (2003)
 327. 'Computers and mobile phones have made us all worse at talking to one another, not better!' What do you think? (2001)

TRANSPORT & TRAVEL

328. Are global tourism and travel still necessary when everything can be experienced or achieved online? (2021)
 329. Can the transport of food over vast distances be justified? (2009) → also in Food
 330. 'Air travel should be discouraged, not promoted.' To what extent do you agree? (2008)
 331. 'Air travel creates more problems than benefits.' Is this a fair comment? (2002)

WORK, CAREERS & JOBS

332. In an age of rapid technological advancement, is a single career for life realistic? (2018) → also in Technology
 333. 'People today do not work as hard as they did in the past.' How far is this true of your society? (2018) → also in Society, Your Country/Society
 334. 'People who do the most worthwhile jobs rarely receive the best financial rewards.' To what extent is this true of your society? (2016) → also in Economics, Your Country/Society
 335. How far should firms be allowed to limit their workers' rights when profits are at stake? (2014) → also in Economics, Human Rights

336. Consider the view that most work these days could, and should, be done from home. (2010)
337. As long as people in the public eye do their job well, does it matter what they do in private? (2009) → also in Human Rights, Media, Politics
338. 'The family has suffered at the expense of career in Singaporean society.' Is this a fair comment? (2003) → also in Family
339. 'The most worthwhile jobs are those with the least financial gain.' Do you agree? (2001) → also in Economics

MISCELLANEOUS

340. 'Consumerism is more of a curse than a blessing.' How true is this of your society? (2022) → also in Your Society/Country
341. To what extent can individuals shape their own lives when the world is so unpredictable? (2022)
342. 'It is not winning, but taking part, which matters.' How acceptable is this as an approach to life? (2022)
343. How far is the pursuit of happiness the most important human goal? (2021)
344. To what extent is human life in general about the survival of the fittest? (2020)
345. To what extent can any society claim to be great? (2020) → also in Society & Today
346. Is globalisation to be welcomed or feared today? (2019)
347. How far is failure an essential part of success? (2018)
348. Is pressure a motivating force or cause for unhappiness? (2018)
349. 'Practical ability is just as important as intellectual skills.' How far is this true in your society? (2017) → also in Your Country/Society
350. Is competition always desirable? (2016)
351. 'Getting what one wants in life is what matters.' Discuss. (2014)
352. Can humour ever be serious? (2012)
353. Do awards and prizes serve any useful purpose? (2011)
354. 'Taking risks is an essential part of life and should be encouraged.' Discuss. (2011)
355. Should a love of one's country still be encouraged? (2009)
356. How important are dreams? (2008)
357. 'There is no such thing as luck. People determine their own lives.' Do you agree? (2005)
358. 'The only worthwhile form of discipline is self-discipline.' Discuss. (2003)
359. Do you think that life today offers us too many choices? (2001)
360. Discuss the appeal, and the dangers, of attempting to predict the future. (2001)

YOUR COUNTRY / SOCIETY

361. 'Consumerism is more of a curse than a blessing.' How true is this of your society? (2022) → also in Misc.
362. Assess the extent to which different age groups in your society are valued equally. (2022) → also in Human Rights
363. To what extent has social media devalued true friendship in your society? (2021) → also in Media
364. 'The arts are nothing more than a luxury.' How far is this true of your society?

(2021) → also in Arts

365. 'We shape our buildings, but then our buildings shape us.' To what extent is this true of your society? (2020) → also in Architecture, Culture
366. 'An appreciation of music is vital for a fully rounded education.' How true is this of your society? (2020) → also in Arts, Education
367. To what extent should income equality be a goal in your society? (2019) → also in Human Rights
368. 'Religion is an important part of the lives of young people today.' Consider whether this is true in your society. (2019) → also in Religion, Family
369. Assess the importance of food within Singapore culture. (2019) → also in Culture, Food
370. To what extent is sporting achievement given adequate recognition in your society? (2018) → also in Sports
371. 'People today do not work as hard as they did in the past.' How far is this true of your society? (2018) → also in Society, Work
372. In your society, to what extent is it acceptable for public money to be used for the acquisition of works of art? (2017) → also in Arts, Politics
373. Examine the role of music in establishing a national identity in your society. (2017) → also in Arts
374. 'Practical ability is just as important as intellectual skills.' How far is this true in your society? (2017) → also in Misc.
375. 'People who do the most worthwhile jobs rarely receive the best financial rewards.' To what extent is this true of your society? (2016) → also in Economics, Work
376. Assess the view that traditional buildings have no future in your society. (2016) → also in Architecture
377. To what extent should the arts in your society focus on local rather than foreign talent? (2015) → also in Arts
378. In your society, how well are the demands of the economy and the environment balanced? (2015) → also in Economics, Environment
379. 'Traditional Marriage is an outdated concept.' To what extent is this true of your society? (2014) → also in Family
380. 'For the majority of people, the Arts are irrelevant to their daily lives.' How true is this of your society? (2014) → also in Arts
381. How far is increased prosperity for all a realistic goal in your society? (2013) → also in Economics
382. How far in your society, should unpopular views be open to discussion? (2013) → also in Human Rights, Politics
383. To what extent are the rights of animals protected in your society? (2013) → also in Animals
384. In your society, how far is equality for all a reality? (2012) → also in Human Rights
385. In the digital age do newspapers still have a role in your society? (2011) → also in Media
386. 'Only modern architecture and modern art have a place in today's world.' How true is this of your society? (2011) → also in Architecture, Arts
387. How important is it for people in your society to retain a sense of tradition? (2010) → also in Culture
388. Would it matter if all performing arts venues in your society, such as concert halls

- and theatres, were closed down? (2010) → also in Architecture, Arts
389. Assess the impact of foreign films or foreign TV programmes on the culture of your society. (2009) → also in Arts, Culture, Media
390. To what extent has technology had an impact on both privacy and security in your country? (2009) → also in Technology, War
391. To what extent is design important in your society? (2008) → also in Fashion/Design, Your Country/Society
392. Many developed countries are paying increasing attention to the needs of the disadvantaged. How far is this true in Singapore? (2008) → also in Human Rights
393. How important is a sense of history in shaping the future of Singapore society? (2007) → also in History
394. 'Mass production inevitably means a loss of craftsmanship and quality.' Is this true in your society? (2007) → also in Culture
395. Do myths and legends still have a role to play in Singapore? (2006) → also in Arts, Culture, Religion
396. How far is your country prepared for future crises? (2006) → also in Politics, Medicine/Wellbeing
397. To what extent do young people in your society take an interest in politics? (2006)
398. 'The tourist does not see the country the inhabitants know.' How far is this true of Singapore? (2005) → also in Geography
399. How far do magazines or television programmes aimed at young people in Singapore have a positive effect? (2005) → also in Family, Media
400. Do the arts, such as music and literature, really play a significant part in Singaporean society? (2005) → also in Arts
401. To what extent are the young in Singapore favoured at the expense of the elderly? (2004) → also in Family
402. How far can the needs of minorities be met in modern Singapore? (2003) → also in Human Rights
403. Was life for young people in Singapore better in the past than it is today? (2003) → also in Family
404. 'The family has suffered at the expense of career in Singaporean society.' Is this a fair comment? (2003) → also in Family, Work