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CENTRE FOR HISTORY

Lower Secondary SBQ Guide

Source Based Questions (SBQ):

Type of Question	Details
Basic Inference Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Requires the student to make and explain an inference from ONE source.- Taught in Secondary One.- Total of 5 marks. <p>Example: <i>What can you infer about British rule in Singapore from Source A?</i></p>
Inference With Purpose Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Requires the student to infer the purpose of the writer of ONE source and explain why.- Taught in either Secondary One/Two depending on individual school syllabus.- Total of 5 OR 6 marks. <p>Example: <i>What was the author's intent in publishing this article?</i></p>
Comparison Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Requires the student to explain in what ways TWO sources are similar and different from each other.- Taught in either Secondary One/Two depending on individual school syllabus.- Can be between 5 TO 7 marks. <p>Example: <i>How similar are sources B and C in portraying life under British rule in Singapore?</i></p>
Reliability Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Requires the student to evaluate the reliability of ONE source.- Taught in either Secondary One/Two

	<p>depending on individual school syllabus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can be 6 OR 7 marks. <p>Example: <i>How reliable</i> is Source C in understanding life under British rule in Singapore?</p>
Usefulness Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires the student to evaluate the usefulness of ONE source. - Taught in either Secondary One/Two depending on individual school syllabus. - Can be 6 OR 7 marks. <p>Example: <i>How useful</i> is Source D in telling us about the colonial administration in Singapore?</p>
Judgement Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires the student to assess how far ALL the given sources support a stand. - Taught in either Secondary One/Two depending on individual school syllabus. - Can be up to 8 OR 10 marks. <p>Example: <i>Study all the sources. How far do Sources A to E agree that life under British rule in colonial Singapore was harsh?</i></p>