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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your answers on the writing paper provided.
Write in dark blue or black pen
Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid

Section A
Answer **all parts** of Question 1.

Section B
Answer **both parts** of Question 2.

Hand in the question paper, Section A and Section B separately.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A (Source-Based Case Study) [35m]

Question 1 is **compulsory** for all candidates.

1 Experiences and effects of living in a diverse society.

Study the Background Information and the sources carefully, and then answer all the questions.

You may use any of the sources to help you answer the questions, in addition to those sources which you are told to use. In answering the questions, you should use your knowledge of the issue to help you interpret and evaluate the sources.

(a) Study Source A.

What is the message of the picture? Explain your answer. [5]

(b) Study Sources B and C.

How different are Sources B and C? Explain your answer. [6]

(c) Study Source D.

How useful is Source D in showing about the Singaporean identity? Explain your answer. [7]

(d) Study Sources E and F.

Source E and Source F have differing views about the state of the Singapore identity. Does this mean that one of them is wrong? Explain your answer. [7]

(e) Study all Sources.

'The Singapore identity has ceased to exist.' Using sources in this case study, how far would you agree with this statement? [10]

[Total: 35 marks]

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Has the Singapore identity been diluted?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Read this carefully. It may help you to answer some of the questions.

Singapore is a young nation built upon a multiracial and multi-religious society founded by immigrants. As such, forming a unifying identity for Singapore has never been easy or straight-forward. In the early years of nation building and independence, Singapore had to adopt an identity that was solely focused on ensuring national survival and economic success. Singapore's defining traits then were that of working hard to build the economy and staying united, because if we did not, we may not survive. Everything else flowed from this identity and Singaporeans strived hard to survive.

But today, Singapore is not as concerned with survival as the nation's economy has blossomed and thrived beyond all expectations. Priorities of citizens have shifted due to global forces and the Singaporean identity is being questioned.

Immigration policies and exposure to other cultures are just some factors that the government has had to deal with and manage in shaping and preserving the Singaporean identity. Study the following sources to assess if the Singaporean identity has been diluted and weakened.

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Source A *A picture of Singaporeans taking the pledge at a National Day Observance Ceremony, published on the Straits Times, August 2017.*



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Source B: *An opinion, written by a Singaporean to the Today newspaper, in response to a Member of Parliament's speech about the Singaporean identity, May 2018.*

When it comes to national identity, obsession with economic development is not everything. Social psychology research has pointed out that when it comes to what is truly important for our nation, being in a group that achieves a lot does not bring about as much pride and belonging than being in a group that cares a lot. Indeed, in a 2016 YouGov* poll where participants were asked the extent to which they believed their country was the best in the world, Singapore was ranked behind most Southeast Asian countries. Redefining the Singaporean identity is an urgent task. As a society, we are more than just standards of living. We need to become gracious and kind – this is something money cannot measure.

**YouGov is an international market research agency*

Source C: *An online post on Sgpolitics.net, a weblog on Singapore politics and current affairs, March 2017.*

We are no longer a 19th century sleepy fishing village that can be radically improved by importing a huge number of immigrants. Our policy makers should not harbour the delusion that we can expand the population to 7 million and beyond without irreparably straining the social fabric, thinking that the national identity will be well-preserved, and pushing the country past its breaking point.

In addition, foreigners who come to Singapore as adults simply cannot be expected to share the same social values and sense of communality as us, because they were raised in a different environment and culture where the social values might have been vastly different. It is unreasonable to suddenly put many foreigners together with the locals in a giant melting pot and not expect frictions and tensions to arise.

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Source D: *A poster of 'Singapore Day', organized by The Overseas Singaporean Unit* published online, 2017.*



** The Overseas Singaporean Unit is a government organisation that brings the sights, tastes, and sounds to overseas Singaporeans through 'Singapore Day'*

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Source E: *Extract from a letter to the Straits Times by Mr Han Fook Kwang, who specialises in research of the Singaporean identity at the S.Rajaratnam School of International Studies, January 2018.*

When Singapore became successful, the focus on identity disappeared. Speeches by ministers and leaders today are almost wholly focused on policies - what to do, and less about who we are or what we want to become as a people. What has brought about this change? Is identity no longer an important issue now that survival is not in question and Singapore has succeeded beyond expectations?

Perhaps this is inevitable as Singapore society is no longer homogenous, there are more interest groups, class divide is growing and the Internet and social media have enabled people to assume multiple identities beyond traditional categories. Globalisation, technological changes and immigration have also accelerated these changes. It is also more difficult today for the Government to propose an identity and expect people to accept it.

Source F: *Extract from a parliamentary speech by Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) to share the work progress MCCY has done on the Singaporean identity, March 2018.*

The MCCY has made good progress over the years, and many would agree with us. Our work is to continue to improve our social bonds and further boost our Singaporean identity to face the changes globalisation brings.

To do that, we have initiated 'Our SG Heritage Plan' this year, our first long-term national masterplan to safeguard and promote our shared heritage for future generations. Concurrently, we have also initiated 'The Youth Conversations' in April to bring youths together. It is designed so that our youths will have a platform to engage one another and the government in a safe space to make a difference.

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Source A: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/songs-pledge-and-national-anthem-to-celebrate-nation-building-and-the-grassroots
Source B: https://www.todayonline.com/commentary/redefining-singaporean-we-know
Source C: http://www.sgpolitics.net/?p=8222
Source D: https://www.overseassingaporean.sg/Stories?ArticleId={C8E6574A-F194-43FF-AF64-B5BA3E3E814E}
Source E: https://www.gov.sg/microsites/budget2018/press-room/news/content/speech-by-ms-grace-fu-minister-for-culture-community-and-youth
Source F: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9q6qZprCAdVS0xHYTI4Qi04cEU/view

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SECTION B (Structured-Response Question)

Question 2 is **compulsory** for all candidates.

2 Exploring Citizenship and Governance

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

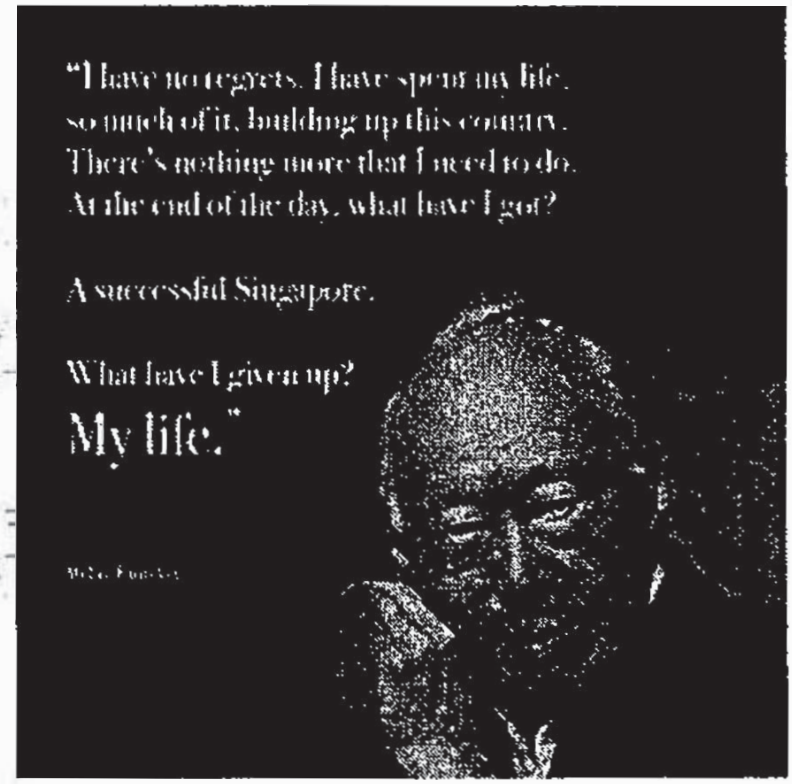
Extract 1

Mr Shanmugam during a forum with NTU students made the following comment:

"Whenever the Budget comes around, MPs, whether from the People's Action Party or the opposition, will stand up and talk about how the Government should be spending more, because that is popular. But, always ask yourself, every time a proposal is put forward, where is the money going to come from? Who is going to pay for it?"

Extract 2

A poster paying tribute to the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's first Prime Minister and founding father.



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Extract 3

A poster created for the Yellow Ribbon Prison Run. The run aims to engage the community in providing ex-convicts with a second chance in life. Proceeds raised from the run will go to the Yellow Ribbon Fund, which supports rehabilitation and reintegration programmes of ex-offenders, their families and their children. In 2016, 9,000 Singaporeans participated in the run.



(a) Extract 1 states that deciding what is good for society is a challenge.

In your opinion, why is making decisions a challenge for a country like Singapore? Explain your answer with reference to **two** reasons. [7]

(b) Extract 2 and Extract 3 reflect on the roles of government and citizens in working for the good of society.

Do you think that the government has a more significant role than its citizens in working for the good of society? Explain your answer. [8]

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Suggested Answer Scheme

Section A (Source-Based Question) Suggested LORMS

1	(a)	**Study Source A.** What is the message of the picture? Explain your answer.	**[5]**
		Question Target: Inference	
	L1	**Answers Based on Provenance/ Description of Source / Copies Source.** *e.g. The message of the picture shows Singaporeans taking the pledge during the National Day Observance Ceremony.*	[1]
	L2	**Valid Message, with no support from details of poster** *Award 3m for more fully developed answers.* *e.g. The picture suggests that Singaporeans remain loyal to Singapore and have a strong sense of belonging. There are patriotic and the Singapore identity is strong [2]*	[2-3]
	L3	**Valid Message, with support from details of poster** *Award 5m for more fully developed answers.* *e.g. The picture suggests that Singaporeans remain loyal to Singapore and have a strong sense of belonging. [3m]* *This is evident from the picture that shows Singaporeans taking the pledge during the national day observance ceremony together. [4m] This shows loyalty and a sense of belonging because of the significance of taking a pledge together. It is a commitment to the nation and a display of love of the county. [5m]*	[4-5]

1	(b)	**Study Sources B and C.** How different are Sources B and C? Explain your answer.	**[6]**
		Question Target: Compare & Contrast	
	L1	**Agree AND/OR Disagree, based on provenance / topic / source type/any lifted answers** *- Award 1m for any statement of agreement / disagreement based on provenance/ source type.* *e.g. Source B is different from source C because they are from different authors. [1m]*	[1-2]

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		e.g. Source B is not different from source C because they both talk about the Singaporean identity. [1m] *-Award 2m for false matching.* *e.g. Source B is different from source C. The Singaporean in source B states that Singaporeans are too competitive while source C states that Singapore has too many foreigners. [2m]*	
	L2	**Similar OR Different, based on content** *Award 2m for 'Similar', unsupported. 3m for 'Similar', supported.* *Award 3m for 'Different', unsupported. 4m for 'Different', supported.* ***Similar*** ***e.g. Both sources are similar in talking about how the Singaporean identity is not strong/ identity is diluted/ there is no Singapore identity. [2m]*** ***Source B states that the Singaporean identity has been weakened amidst the pursuit of economic gains and growth.*** *This is evident from 'Redefining the Singaporean identity is an urgent task. As a society, we are more than just standards of living.' This means that in trying to attain a higher standard of living, the country has forsaken its identity.* ***Similarly, source C also states that the Singaporean identity has not been strong.*** *This is evident from 'we can expand the population to 7 million and beyond without irreparably straining the social fabric, thinking that the national identity will be well-preserved, and pushing the country past its breaking point.' This means that the Singaporean identity has been diluted due to the influx of foreigners. [3m]* ***OR*** ***Different*** ***e.g. Sources B and C are different. Source B and source C are different about the factors that caused the lack in Singapore identity. [3m]*** ***Source B states that the lack in Singapore's identity is caused by an over-emphasis in trying to attain economic growth and progress.*** *This is evident from 'Redefining the Singaporean identity is an urgent task. As a society, we are more than just standards of living.' This means that the pursuit of material gains has caused Singapore to overlook the development in its identity.* ***On the other hand, source C states that the lack in Singapore's identity is caused by the influx of foreigners and the unattainable expectation of them adopting a different identity readily.*** *This is evident from 'foreigners who come to Singapore as adults simply cannot be expected to share the same social values and sense of communality as us, because they were raised in a different environment and culture where the social values might have been vastly different.' This means that these foreigners cannot be expected to 'change' and 'become' Singaporeans so quickly, hence there is a lack of a strong Singaporean identity. [4m]* ***OR***	**[3-4]**

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	Similar ***e.g. Sources B and C are not different as both sources suggest that the dilution of the Singaporean identity is due to the rapid entry of foreigners. [3m] + Evidence + Explanation [4m]***	
L4	**Both aspects of L3** *Award 5m for both aspects, supported.*	[4-5]
L5	**Sources B and C are similar based on similar outcome.** *Award the higher mark for a more developed answer.* *e.g. Sources B and C are **similar in purpose.** Both sources hope that strengthening the Singaporean identity becomes the priority of the nation's leaders.* ***Source B** hopes to convince Singaporeans who are reading the newspapers that the Singaporean identity has been replaced by an over-emphasis of economic development and the need to lead a more materialistic lifestyle. The author hopes to rally Singaporeans to pressurise fellow Singaporeans and nation leaders to focus on strengthening the nation's identity. This is so that citizens become more bonded as a nation.* *Similarly, **source C** also hopes to persuade Singaporeans who are reading the website that the Singaporean identity has been diluted due to the influx of foreigners and different cultures. The author also hopes to rally Singaporeans to pressurise the nation's leaders to come up with strategies to curb the further dilution of identity and have measures to strengthen it. This is so that Singapore can still remain united. [6m]*	[6]

(c)	**Study Source D.** How useful is source D in showing about the Singaporean identity? Explain your answer.	**[7]**
	Question Target: Usefulness	
L1	**Useful / Not useful based on provenance or undeveloped explanation of reliability or typicality.** *Award 2m for answers which cover both provenance (unexplained) and typicality* *e.g. The source is useful because it is by a Singaporean. [1m]* *e.g. The source is not useful because it is only the opinions of overseas Singaporeans and cannot represent all Singaporeans and how they feel. [2m]*	[1-2]
L2	**Useful based on content, supported** *Award 2m if unsupported.* *e.g. Source D is **useful** in showing the preservation of the Singaporean identity. [1m] Source D suggests that the **preservation of the Singaporean identity was done very well/ strong/ not diluted.** [2m] This is evident from the source that*	[2-3]

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		states it as being 'the biggest Singaporean reunion in Australia'. This means that the 2017 'Singapore Day' in Melbourne was the most popular one so far, indicating that the Singaporean identity stays strong even overseas. [3m]	
	L3	**Useful with cross-reference, supported** *Award the higher mark for a more developed answer.* *e.g. L2 + This is further supported by **source F** which also suggests the Singaporean identity remains very strong among Singaporeans. [3m] This is evident from 'Well over 90% are proud to be a Singaporean and think of Singapore as their Home'. This means that the Singaporean identity remains intact and strong. [4m]*	[3-4]
	L4	**Not useful based on content, supported.** *Award the higher mark for a more developed answer.* *e.g. Source D is **not useful** because the source is biased. This is because the source is biased and only shows the successes of the organisation. This is evident from the statistics and photos used. It paints a rosy picture of Singaporeans enjoying themselves and how wildly popular the 'Singapore Day' is. This is not accurate because the organisation would not show its failures. Hence, the source is not trustworthy enough and hence, not useful. [5m]*	[4-5]
	L5	**Not useful with cross-reference, supported** *Award the higher mark for a more developed answer.* *e.g. L4 + This is also supported by **source E** that suggests that the Singaporean identity is not as prominent and strong as claimed by source D. Source E suggests that the Singaporean identity has been challenging to define. This is evident from 'It is also more difficult today for the Government to propose an identity and expect people to accept it. Experts who study the subject say identity is a difficult concept to grasp, ever-changing and always contested.' This means that the Singaporean identity is challenging to pin down. [6m]*	[5-6]
	L6	**Not useful based on provenance, explained. If no explanation on provenance is given, award L3/4.** *e.g. Source E is **not useful based on purpose.** The purpose of the source is for the Overseas Singaporean Unit to promote and raise awareness about 'Singapore Day' to all Singaporeans who study, work or live overseas. This is meant to attract and encourage them to join the 'Singapore Day'. This is so that these overseas Singaporeans are kept connected with Singapore and do not forget or lose their identity. This is meant to instill loyalty and a strong sense of belonging for Singapore. [4m]* *This source is not useful because the organisation would never put up an advertisement that highlights the failures as this would go against the organisation and its aims. It would naturally only share positive news and aim to glorify its successes. Hence this source become unreliable and therefore not useful. [7m]*	

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(d)	Study Sources E and F. Source E and Source F have differing views about the state of the Singapore identity. Does this mean that one of them is wrong? Explain your answer.	
	Question Target: C&C, Reliability	
L1	**Answers using source content falling to address element of reliability** *e.g. Sources E and F are different about the Singaporean identity.* OR **Asserts a stand, but no valid explanation** *e.g. It does not mean that any source is wrong because Source E shows the Singaporean researcher analysing Singapore's identity.*	**[1]**
L2	**Decides element of reliability entirely from one source (i.e common sense argument, no use of other sources/ contextual knowledge)** *e.g. Source E is not wrong because it shows that the researcher specialises in research of the Singaporean identity. This means he must be very knowledgeable in this area. [2m]*	
L3	**Wrong based on agreement/ disagreement of content of Sources E and F.** *Award the higher marks for a more developed answer.* *e.g. **Source F is wrong because it differs from what source E says about the state of the Singaporean identity in Singapore.** **Source E** states that the Singapore identity is facing trouble. This is evident from 'It is also more difficult today for the Government to propose an identity and expect people to accept it. Experts who study the subject say identity is a difficult concept to grasp, ever-changing and always contested'. This means that the Singapore identity is not easy to define today. This is contradicted by **source F** which states that the Singapore identity is strong and very present. This is evident from 'Well over 90% are proud to be a Singaporean and think of Singapore as their Home. Our work is to continue to strengthen our social bonds and further solidify our Singaporean identity'. This shows that the Singapore identity is thriving so well that plans have been made to further glorify it. [4m]*	**[3-4]**
L4	**Wrong/ Not wrong based on source content, cross-reference** *Award the higher marks for a more developed answer.* *e.g. **Source E is wrong** because it shows that the Singaporean identity is under threat from many factors. This is due to the many inevitable changes in society that fights against stable identity preservation and formation. **This is contradicted in source A** which shows that the current Singaporean identity remains strong even in current times. So there could be some truths to what source F is claiming – that*	**[5-6]**

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	the Singaporean identity remains very stable among Singaporeans and more is done to further strengthen it. *e.g. **Source F is wrong** because it paints a rosy picture of the state of the Singaporean identity and how strong it is. It portrays a united and strong Singapore with a strong Singaporean core and strong sense of belonging. **This is contradicted by source C** that suggests the Singaporean identity has been weakened and severely diluted by the influx of foreigners, bringing their own cultures and backgrounds that may not necessarily fit into Singapore's context. Hence, Source E's argument holds water that identity strengthening and preservation in Singapore is an uphill task and may not be successful.*	
L5	**As L4, explained by reliability of source E's provenance** *e.g. **Source F is wrong because source E is more reliable.*** *The minister in source F is saying this because the speech was presented during a parliamentary session to share the work progress of the ministry she over sees. It is quite natural for her to portray the positive outcomes of the work her ministry has done and also to share with the rest of the ministers what her ministry will be doing in order to build on the positive outcomes of the work MCCY has done. This is so that MCCY will get the approval from other ministers and support MCCY in their work. Since this is the case, then source F has not presented a full and objective picture of the state of identity in Singapore.* *Compared to source E, the author is someone who specialises in the research of the Singaporean identity. Hence, he would have the relevant knowledge and have done extensive studies on the Singaporean identity. The work he publishes would therefore be more relevant and objective. The aim of his letter was to make Singaporeans think about the identity issue and bring about an awareness of the problem Singaporeans are facing. It is hoped that Singaporeans can take this matter into their own hands and make a change to strengthen it or help the government in matters that concern the identity. Since the agenda for source E is not a selfish or personal one, but merely trying to rally fellow Singaporeans for the betterment of the nation, this makes source E is more trustworthy and reliable.*	[7]

(e)	**Study all Sources.** 'The Singapore identity has ceased to exist.' Using all sources in this case study, how far would you agree with this statement?	[10]
Question target: Study all sources		
L1	**Writes about statement, no valid source use / Categorising sources without explanation**	**[1-2]**
	e.g. The Singaporean identity has ceased to exist because of the larger forces in globalisation and the many factors that distracts individuals from adopting a common identity.[2]	

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	e.g. Sources A, D, and F disagree that the Singaporean identity has ceased to exist,, while sources B, C, and E agree that the identity has ceased to exist. [1]	
L2	**Yes/No, supported by valid source use (only ONE stance)** *Note: Consideration of number of sources used and the quality of analysis in deciding on marks in L2. As long as they give two from one stand award 4 marks.* ***Agree – Identity is ceased to exist*** *Yes, I agree that the Singaporean identity has ceased to exist. This can be supported by Sources B, C, and D.* ***Source B agrees** because the **Singaporean identity is being sidelined and disregarded by the pursuits of economic attainments. This results in a society that is only concerned about material accomplishments and not about the welfare or identity of the entire country.** This is evident from source B that states 'As a society, we are more than just standards of living. We need to become gracious and kind – this is something money cannot measure.' This suggests that Singapore has placed too much emphasis onto attaining material wants that immaterial needs are neglected.* ***Source C agrees** because it is **impossible for new immigrants and new citizens to adopt the current Singaporean identity at once. This is a problem because as the number of new immigrants and new citizens increase, the more diverse Singapore becomes. It becomes more difficult it is to ensure that these new immigrants and new citizens get integrated into the current Singaporean identity and eventually, the Singapore identity ceases to exist.** This is evident from 'In addition, foreigners who come to Singapore as adults simply cannot be expected to share the same social values and sense of communality as us, because they were raised in a different environment and culture where the social values might have been vastly different'. This suggests that it is challenging to unite all of Singapore under one Singapore identity.* ***Source E agrees** because as **society progresses, factors determining a nation's identity gets increasingly complex and changes to a nation's identity happens at a faster rate than ever. This makes preserving an identity so much more complicated and can cause the Singaporean identity to cease to exist.** This is evident from source E that states 'Singapore society is no longer homogenous, there are more interest groups, class divide is growing and the Internet and social media have enabled people to assume multiple identities beyond traditional categories. Globalisation, technological changes and immigration have also accelerated these changes. It is also more difficult today for the Government to propose an identity and expect people to accept it'. This means that determining an identity is no longer as straight-forward as it used to be.* *OR* ***Disagree – Identity has not exist*** *No, I disagree that the Singaporean identity has ceased to exist. In fact, it is very robust and is in the process of being strengthened. This is supported by sources A, D, and F.*	**[3-4]**

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