

COMPREHENSION ANSWERS (50M)

FROM PASSAGE A

1. This protest is about Singaporeans feeling the pressures of the influx of foreigners [1].
2. He is possibly feeling that Singapore has lost its identity with the influx of foreigners [1], and is harping for a past when the effects of immigration were less obvious [1].
3. There are many young Singaporeans taking part in this protest, showing that they are passionate about the happenings in the country they live in [1]. Also, from the ponchos that some of the protestors are sporting, it shows that despite bad weather conditions, they still turned up to show their passion for the cause that they believe in [1].

FROM PASSAGE B

1. She was in disbelief that Daniel Pantaleo was allowed to go scot-free after killing somebody.
2. It suggests that there seems to be a pattern to these killings.
3. Just as how eerie is often defined as strange and frightening [1], the writer was trying to express that she finds it strange and frightening that even though she ought to say something about the trend, her mind was empty of thoughts on the matter [1].
4. The writer is of the opinion that although the police who shot the boys are innocent in the eyes of the law [1], the lawyers are making a mistake in allowing them to go without any punishment [1].
5. Collective rage means anger [1] that was accumulated through past experiences of the same nature [1].
6. The irony is that laws that are meant to protect the innocent and unarmed [1], are used instead to protect those who carry guns and use them with impunity [1].
7. It means that the facts of each case are too narrowly focused [1] that it hides the bigger picture of the large number [1] of innocent black teenagers being killed.
8. (a) The use of the phrase "sit safely outside of them" shows that the rules are a set of boundaries that one can be stay within or outside of.
(b) The writer wants to be able [1] to not have to abide by the rules all the time.
9. The writer used 'but' at the start of the paragraph to show a contrast [1] between the previous and the current paragraph. In this case, the writer seeks to contrast that even though it is difficult to solve social ills, some moral boundaries are simple enough to abide by [1].

Paragraph 1-2:	Paragraphs 4:	Paragraph 5:	Paragraph 7:
Disbelief	Apathy	Anger	Resolute

FROM PASSAGE C

1. Protesters used to be adult men and/or women.
2. He is a youth [1], and he became an activist even though he belonged to a demographic that would not be generally concerned over political happenings (as inferred from “not eligible to vote”)[1].
3. Youths strive for change [1] that inevitably appeal to peers and other members of society [1]. Also, youths are well versed with social media platforms that can help broadcast their views globally [1].
4. (a) Youths often enjoy their freedom, and would go through ways and means to protect it. In which case, protest is seemingly the most effective way to get their voices heard.
(b) Protests were made but the government made no changes to their policies and the university fees even tripled.
5. Generation Y is a population which opposes inequality [1] and oppression and is not afraid to stand up for what it believes in [1].
6. It is no wonder that youths today participate in more protests.....[15]
 - Changing expectations of the government
 - Democracy goes beyond elections and other administrative votings
 - Dissatisfied with the current order of the world and their countries
 - Protest is the only effective way to “fight” for their freedom
 - To bring about change
 - As a result of the widespread strikes and student demonstrations, the government halted any tuition increases in line with a campaign promise
 - government made no changes to their policies
 - contributed to a dramatic fall in former Chilean President Sebastián Piñera’s approval rating
 - it gives them more courage to increase the number and scale of their protests in the future
 - Generation Y is a population which opposes inequality and oppression and is not afraid to stand up for what it believes in

(Any 8 of the above)

Suggested answer:

It is no wonder that youths today are more participative in protests because of their varying expectations of the government. Youths protest for reasons stretching beyond administrative changes. They are disgruntled at the way the world is today. To defend their treasured freedom and effect positive change, protests seem the only way. Consequently, riding on the momentum of these protests, strikes and demonstrations become more pervasive to push forward change as well. Generation Y is now gaining courage to fight against any forms of injustice.

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