

TMA02 (1,500 words)

This tutor-marked assignment (TMA) is worth 25% of the final mark for SOC367: Southeast Asian Societies.

The word limit for this assignment is 1,500 words.

You are to include the following particulars in your submission: Course Code, Title of the TMA, SUSS PI No., Your Name, and Submission Date.

Submit the completed assignment no later than **Thursday, 1 September 2022, 11.55pm.**

Question (100 marks)

Examine the demographic pyramids of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore below. Compose an essay of 1,500 words which places these profiles into their social and historical contexts focussing on the following two issues:

(a) Describe the **age structure** of the three societies and interpret the differences between them and changes within each of these society with reference to development processes, government policies, religious and cultural values or other factors you consider relevant.

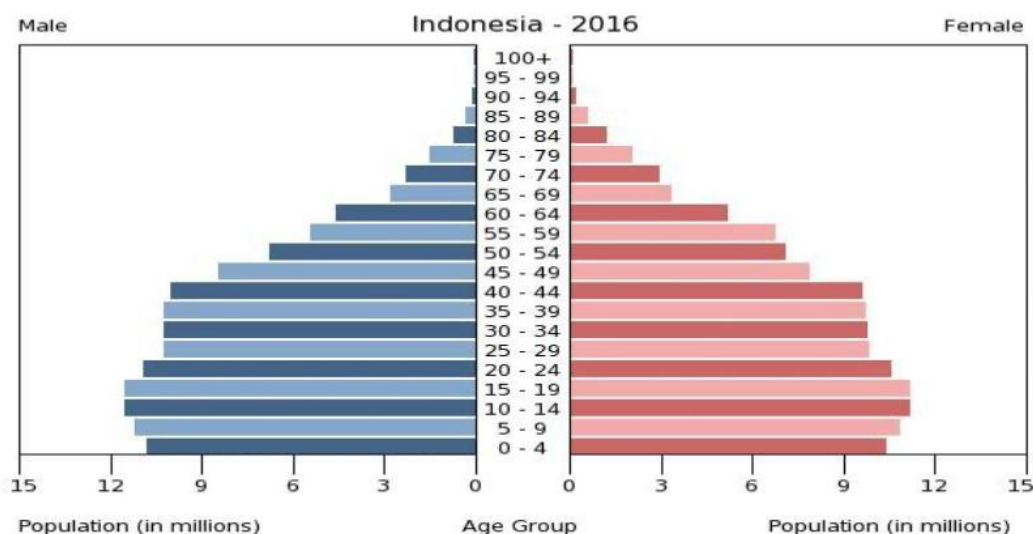
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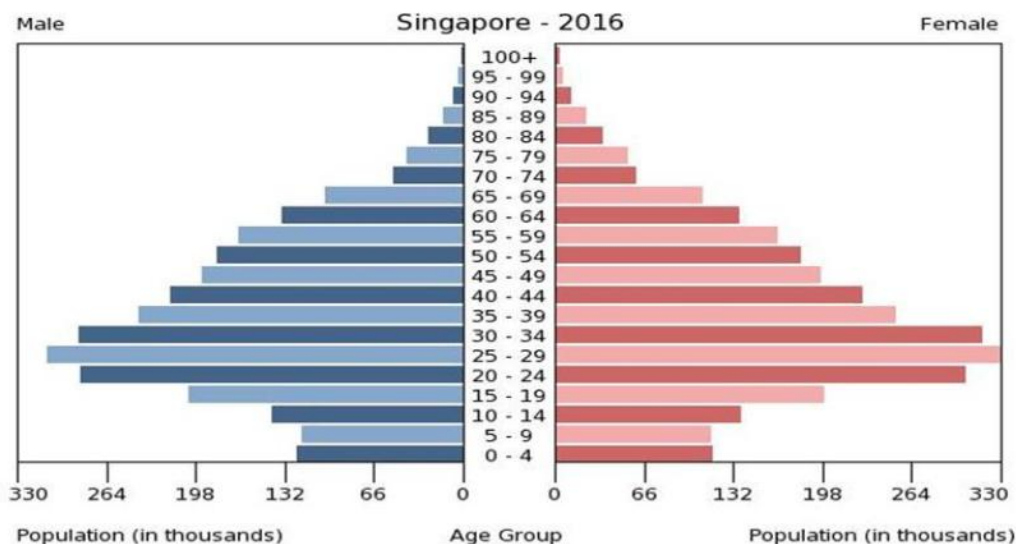
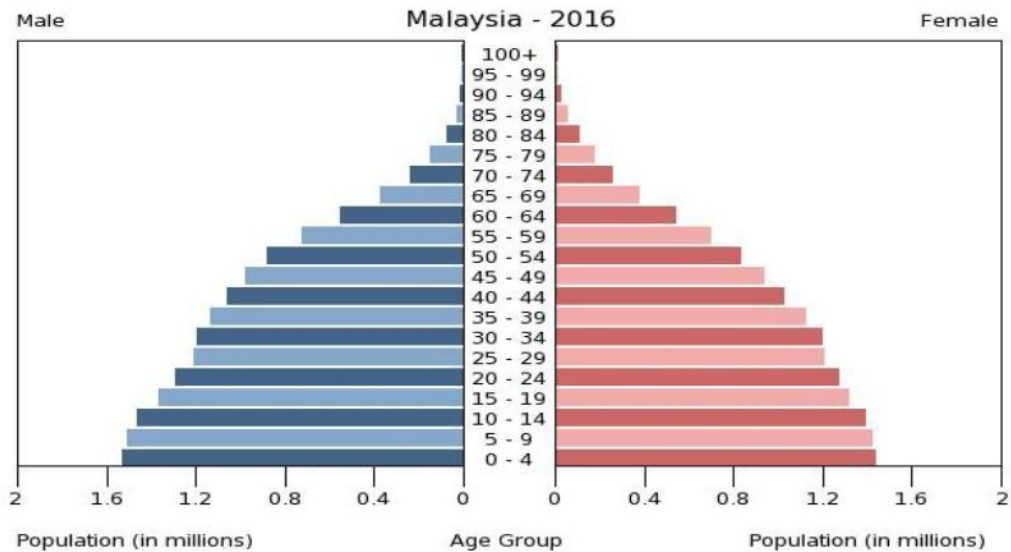
(b) Describe the **gender composition** of these societies and interpret the differences between them and changes within each of these societies with reference to development processes, government policies, religious and cultural values and other factors you consider relevant.

(40 marks)

(c) Discuss what you consider to be the **important challenges** their respective demographic structure poses for these societies in the future.

(20 marks)





Student notes

- For this assignment you will need to carefully examine the statistical data in the three demographic profiles and then conduct library research of your own to identify sociological and historical sources that allow you to sociologically interpret the demographic trends that you have observed in the data
- Avoid broad generalisations and speculative explanations. Be as specific in your analysis of the data as possible and support your interpretations with information and arguments from the relevant sociological literature.
- Avoid being overly descriptive as well as just summarising different sources. Try to establish argumentative positions whenever possible, follow them through logically and consistently and support them with data, examples, illustrations, etc.
- Keep in mind that the purpose of this assignment is to give you an opportunity to demonstrate that you have understood and are able to apply sociological concepts and theories you study in this course. You should do this by referring to the assigned and suggested readings wherever appropriate, but you should also demonstrate that you are able

to conduct research by identifying other relevant sources on your own. Refer to at least **three other academic references** of your own choice.

- End with a proper conclusion, not just a couple of sentences under the heading of a conclusion. It shouldn't just look like a conclusion but also do the job of an introduction by referring back to the issues raised in the introduction, summarise the arguments made, and put the essay in a broader context.
- Make sure that you acknowledge all the sources through proper in-text citations and a list of references at the end. If relevant, you may use sources other than English, but you must provide your own translation and not use google translate.
- Finally, write clearly and proofread your essay to avoid any grammatical and spelling errors to avoid the impression that you did not edit the answer. Make sure you follow academic conventions in the kind of language used, kind of evidence presented and type of academic references.

Write your answers in 1,500 words. Please remember to provide the word count, and list of references. Be sure to use appropriate academic sources, including your course materials.

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