**Facts and Figures**

**How modern Singapore has progressed over the years?**

**Question: Based on the featured examples below, explain and elaborate whether Singapore can manage the challenges in the modern world.**

In 2018, the nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Singapore increased to $491.2 billion.

- Department of Statistics, Singapore

US companies occupied more than 20% of all foreign direct investment (FDI) in Singapore.

- Singapore Business Review, April 2019

In 2018, the Singapore tourism industry had 18.5 million visitor arrivals.

- Singapore Tourism Board

In 2017, Singapore was ranked fourth in the world in the Bloomberg Global Health Index due to its long life expectancy of 81 years and low infant mortality rate of 1.5 per 1,000 live births.

- Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, August 2018

Department of Statistics’ General Household Survey 2015 report revealed that 18.5% of the resident population had no religious affiliation.

- The Straits Times, March 2016

In Singapore, 70% are active social media users, which is twice the global average of 34%.

- 2017 report by We are Social & Hootsuite

The Institute of Mental Health (IMH) reported that more teenagers are seeking medical help for school-related stress.

- The Straits Times, April 2019

In October 2012, the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) fired Amy Cheong due to her racist remarks on Facebook.

- The Straits Times

The Internal Security Department (ISD) crippled a local cell of regional terror network, known as Jemaah Islamiah (JI). It arrested 19 members in August 2002.

- The Straits Times

In August 2016, the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) published a survey, which found that Singaporeans supported meritocracy and multiculturalism.

- The Straits Times

In 1989, the Ethnic Integration Policy (EIP) was introduced to prevent the emergence of racial enclaves.

- The Straits Times