**GP Issue – Government**

**A. Features of questions related to the Role of Government**

**1. The importance in understanding the structure of the government**

**There is a need to understand the approach the government rule over the country in terms of some the values it proposes like meritocracy, socialistic in pragmatism but democratic in principle as in the case for Singapore**

**2. What are the issues that the government will introduce and how it would affect the people?**

**3. The complexity and nature of the country in the respective aspects.**

**4. The characteristics of the country.**

**B. Types of questions**

**1. Do you agree and the extent of agreement and how the nature of questions can be re-classified into the two given types of questions.**

**C. List of questions**

1.’ Whether or not a country’s heritage is preserved depends on its economic value.’ How true is this of your society?

2. ‘A strong economy is the foundation of progress.’ To what extent is this true in your society?

3. ‘Governments play too big a role in people’s lives today.’ Do you agree?

4. Do young people in your society have what it takes to ensure that the nation remains successful?

Introduction / MB – opposing view, rebuttal, supporting views

5. ‘Tackling fake news is mainly the responsibility of the government.’ Do you agree?

6. How far should personal morality be a concern of the state?

7. Evaluate the claim that governments should not be allowed to restrict the rights of their citizens.

8. ‘Citizens are too reliant on the government.’ How far is this statement true in your society?

9. Can societies be truly inclusive today?

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Why create wealth is the key responsibility? Benefits of wealth creation to a country
why create wealth is not the key responsibility?

* Other areas of development are important to the state
* Negative effects of wealth creation
* How other areas of development are going to enhance our capacity to reap the benefits of wealth creation

In this modern era, institutions have played a significant and imperative role in ensuring the survival and prosperity as good governance is pivotal factor for the development. However, the debate is observed in terms of the responsibilities of the government, creating the concern whether the key responsibility of a government is to create wealth for the country. Economists are quick to consider this view as the main priority of the government as there are extensive benefits to be reaped with the abundance of wealth created but politicians raise the concern that there are also other aims that the government needs to focus on for the development of a country. In view of these controversial opinions, my view is that it is not right for the government to focus on this main aim to create wealth for the nation as other aspects of development are equally vital to the prosperity and development of a nation.

Main body

It is natural for economists to sententiously pinpoint that the key responsibility of a government is to create wealth for a nation as it economic benefits to the state and individuals is of tremendous impact.

Benefits to the individuals – higher standard of living – state can provide you employment to attain high wages – raise your level of material comfort / amenities and facilities, infrastructure to provide a conducive and comfortable environment
provide more subsidies to raise your welfare

Benefits to state – promote social stability by having an inclusive society / more funding to develop the state and distribute benefits to the society – reflection of the effective governance

Example – highest real GDP per capita, safest and most livable city in Asa

However, such a view does not hold well if this focus creates unintended economic consequences like unequal distribution of income and adverse development which may not be foreseen and often ignored.

The government must have a more well-balanced and apt view by focusing on other areas of governance as in the development of a political state which build the sovereignty and national identity of the country.

* Sovereign state – political recognition as a state – international standing – can perform political function like diplomatic relationship and trade, participation in international activities
* Political influence – national identity – national pride – a sense of belonging – national hood

There is also the need to create a state that promotes the well-being of the people in terms of social welfare and conducive environment for people to have a stable and happy life.

Individual – erase their social dissatisfaction – build a society that is peaceful, harmonious, safe and just society

Social well-being – social stability – give rise civic and moral society that promotes the foundation of development

The government should also focus on the development of her citizens to be civic, cultural and contributing to the society and global world.

In retrospect, it is undeniable that wealth creation must be one of the key responsibility the state must undertake as the nation needs to be wealthier to fulfill the other aspects of development but without the other areas of development, the nation also face complications and difficulties in the development of wealth to bring prosperity to the state. It is therefore the view of the essay that the government needs to focus a well-balanced development in the progress of a nation. This understanding is of great imperative for

 successful development of a nation.