

An essay should follow the instructions and present logical reasoning supported by examples.

This is an open-ended question and the answer depends on the student's choice of societies to compare using the possible options described in Table 2 "Case Selection in Comparative Policy Studies". One option is described below:

South Korea and Hong Kong (China) will be compared as a pair of societies that are Similar Systems-Similar Outcomes (SS-SO). Both societies have similar outcomes as top rankers in the PISA 2022 for overall performance in science, mathematics and reading assessments. They are a good pair for comparison because they have similar systems (can describe here: high-stakes examination-based education systems, excessive use of private supplementary tutoring, teach-to-the-test, standardized 6-3-3-4 education structure, Confucian-heritage culture, etc.).

An essay should present a clear central claim supported by evidence and logical reasoning.