Annex C

The most significant reason contributing to the Anti-National Service Riots in 1954 in Singapore was the imposition of compulsory military service through the NS Ordinance by the British colonial government. This measure was deeply unpopular among the Chinese-speaking population due to perceived economic disruptions and social tensions, exacerbating existing grievances and leading to widespread protests and violence.

The most important reason that contributed to the Anti-National Service Riots in 1954 was likely the imposition of mandatory national service without proper consultation or consideration for the sentiments and rights of the affected population. This unilateral decision undermined trust in the government and fueled resentment, ultimately leading to widespread unrest and protests

The British favoured English-medium schools over Chinese-medium schools.

Student responses demonstrated understanding of the historical concept of causation and application to the case study of the Anti-National Service Riots (Students taking G2 History)

The 1954 Anti-National Service Riots were primarily sparked by economic hardship, as the introduction of National Service exacerbated unemployment and threatened livelihoods, particularly among lower-income groups.

One of the most significant reasons was the perception among the local population that the ordinance discriminated against them. Many felt that the policy favored the interests of the colonial authorities and British nationals over the welfare of the local population. There was a sense of injustice and inequality in the enforcement of conscription, as it mainly

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targeted the local Malay and Chinese
communities, while exempting British
expatriates and wealthy individuals.

Student responses demonstrated understanding of the historical concept of causation and application to the case study of the Anti-National Service Riots (Students taking G3 History)

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