

Immigration Case Studies

Using the following case studies answer the following questions

1) Mrs. Cleopatra

Mrs. Cleopatra is the widow of an Egyptian farmer along the Nile River; she has three dependent children, aged 6, 9, and 10. After her husband died last year, she has had to manage their small farm by herself (with the help of her eldest son and a brother who lives in the same village); however, she has lately found this work too much to handle. She has no formal schooling but can read her own language and is learning to speak and write English. She is 29 and has no relatives other than her children and her brother. She would like to try to emigrate to Canada, as an independent applicant, hopefully to Halifax, but she does not know anyone there, and having no acquired skill of training, has not been able to make contacts in order to get a job.

2) Mr. Samuel Jones

Mr. Samuel Jones, 27, has just received his master's degree in Botany from a highly respected English university when he applied for Canadian immigration in London, England. He has been in this country for all of his university education, six years, and now wishes to establish his family in Canada. He has a three-year-old son, and his wife, a trained nurse, is expecting their second child, five months hence. Mr. Jones was anxious to make the move before the birth of the child. His relatives, all natives of Barbados in the West Indies, have been established in England for years and have assisted him during his education. It was they who encouraged his new move to Canada, in view of the situation in Great Britain. Mr. Jones, because of his ethnic origin, also realizes that he could not emigrate to Australia, his first choice. He hopes to find employment in the government service, particularly in research, perhaps an experimental farm. The applicant was informed of the difficulty of obtaining employment in his field, particularly in Toronto, where he wishes to live in contact with an uncle. Mr. Jones admits that he will work at any job with the ultimate aim of obtaining his Ph.D. and eventually teaching at the university level. The applicant appears shy but sincere throughout the independent applicant interview.

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you think that Mrs. Cleopatra is suited for life in Canada? Why or why not?
2. Do you think that Mr. Samuel Jones is suited for life in Canada? Why or why not?
3. Using the "Point System for Skilled/Independent Worker" handout calculate the number of points you think each potential immigrant would accumulate.
4. Do you think that Mrs. Cleopatra will be allowed to immigrate to Canada? Why or why not?
5. Do you think that Mr. Samuel Jones will be allowed to immigrate to Canada? Why or why not?
6. In Mr. Samuel Jones's case study it says that, "...because of his ethnic origin...he could not emigrate to Australia". Why is this so?