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**SEA205E – Malaysian Studies**

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Please make sure that this examination paper comprises of TWO printed pages before you begin this examination.

Answer only **THREE (3)** of the following questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Describe the main objectives of the New Economic Policy (NEP) (1970-1990). Was Malaysia able to achieve these objectives? How has the NEP affected ethnic relations in the country?
2. Discuss and compare Malaysia's foreign policy under Mahathir Mohamad's Administration and Abdullah Badawi's Administration based on their approaches, individual personalities, objectives and achievements with relevant examples.
3. Discuss the changes of Malaysian exports and imports directions for the years 1970 to present. To what extent are the directions being affected by the changes in the economic structure of the country?
4. Discuss the main source of economic livelihoods of the Bumiputera ethnic group in Sabah and Sarawak. How are these linked to the geographical characteristics of the two states? What are the main economic problems that Sabah and Sarawak face?
5. What are the main characteristics of the *Joget Melayu* dance? What has been the major influence on this dance and how has it developed over the years?
6. What is unique about Malaysia? How has this "uniqueness" come about and what does Malaysia have to do to maintain this "uniqueness"?