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Bachelor of Communication (Honours)

YKT 214 – Communications Technology

Duration : 3 hours

Instructions:

Before you begin, please ensure that this examination paper contains a total of **TWO [2]** pages.

Answer **THREE [3]** questions.

Each question carries 100 marks.

1. Technologies, including communication technologies, are neutral; whether they are used for "good" or "evil" depends on who uses them. Discuss with clear examples.
2. The developing world needs to catch up in the communications technology race to enable it to modernize. Discuss this assertion principally, but not exclusively, by problematising the concepts "developing world" and "modernize".
3. Rapid advances in communications technology will further enhance democracy. Discuss this view, using clear examples from Malaysia.
4. The principal role of communications technology is to simplify a variety of tasks for human beings. Discuss this view in the context of how the state, market forces and the military play important roles in the development of communications technology.
5. Fears about the supposed "corrupting" effects of the Internet merely represent a smokescreen that attempts to hide the increasing desire of governments and other groups in power to further police the new media. Discuss.