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Masa: [3 jam]

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS SIX [6] QUESTIONS IN TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer FOUR [4] questions in all.

Equal marks are allocated to all questions.

1. Do you agree that terms like "Variety", "Dialect" and "Language" are difficult to define? Discuss with examples.
2. Summarize M.A.K. Halliday's analysis of the seven principle purposes or uses of speech. Drawing upon your own experience, give an example of each use.
3. How does one address a stranger? Does the form of address depend in any way on factors such as that person's sex, age, ethnicity, dress, perceived role, physical well-being, or behaviour? Is it true to say that the primary consideration in addressing strangers is 'be polite' and therefore 'be deferential'?
4. Lakoff (1973) claims that the distinction between men's and women's language is a symptom of a problem in our culture, and not primarily the problem itself. What kind of evidence would you consider to be relevant to confirming or disconfirming such a claim?
5. Discuss the concept of elaborated and restricted codes and the criticism which have been levelled against it.

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6. Asmah (1982) says that the recognition accorded to English as the second most important language in Malaysia does not in any way interfere with the status of Malay as the national and official language as well as the language of education. To what extent is Asmah right? Discuss your answer in relation to the different roles assigned to these two languages.

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