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HEK 201 - Kemahiran Asas dalam Pembacaan dan  
Penulisan Bahasa Inggeris

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Masa: [3 jam]

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This Examination paper contains SIX (6) questions in THREE (3) pages.

Answer ALL SIX (6) questions.

1. (a) Identify the appropriate method or methods for developing a paragraph on each of the following topics. (e.g. definition, analogy, etc.)
  - i. Rock music and Country music.
  - ii. Why read newspapers.
  - iii. What loyalty is.
  - iv. Usefulness (or uselessness) of a self-help book.
  - v. Preparing for a job interview.

(5 marks)
- (b) Choose a topic of your own and develop it in one of the methods for developing a paragraph. (not more than 10 sentences).

(10 marks)
2. (a) Write a short paragraph beginning with a topic sentence, AND
- (b) Write a short paragraph that has either of these topic sentences within the paragraph.
  - i. These are the decisions you have to weigh when choosing a college to attend.
  - ii. These are the paperbacks I am most interested in reading.

(15 marks)

3. Choose two(2) of the following topics and list five points you would make to each audience specified:
- (a) the effects of smoking: for secondary school students and for adult smokers.
  - (b) your opinion on welfare: for someone who is on welfare and for someone who is not and who opposes it.
  - (c) the advantages of a residential school: for a prospective student and for his or her parents.

(20 marks)

4. Study this paragraph to see if it has the elements that a paragraph should contain: topic sentence, controlling idea, unity, coherence, transitions, subordination, and parallelism. Write out specific examples of the topic sentence, controlling idea, subordination and parallelism. List transitions. In a short paragraph, explain why the paragraph does or does not have unity and coherence.

Shopping habits in the United States have changed greatly in the last quarter of the twentieth century. Early in the 1900s, most American towns and cities has a Main street. Main street was always in the heart of a town. This street was lined on both sides with many varied business. Here shoppers walked into stores to look at all sorts of merchandise: clothing, furniture, hardware, groceries. In addition, some shops offered services. These shops included drugstores, restaurants, shoe-repair stores, and barber or hairdressing shops. But in the 1950s, a change began to take place. Too many automobiles had crowded into Main Street. Too few parking places were available to shoppers. Because the streets were crowded, merchants began to look with interest at the open spaces outside the city limits. Open space is what their car-driving customers needed. And open space is what they got when the first shopping center was built. Shopping centers, or malls, started as a collection of small new stores built away from congested city centers. Attracted by hundreds of free parking spaces, customers were drawn away from downtown areas to the outlying malls. And the growing popularity of shopping centers led in turn to the building of bigger and better-stocked stores. By the late 1970s, many shopping malls had almost developed into small cities themselves. In addition to providing the convenience of one-stop shopping, malls were transformed into landscaped parks, with benches, fountains, and outdoor entertainment.

For example, one of the most spectacular shopping malls is the Galleria in Houston, Texas. Inside the Galleria, dozens of shops face balconies that rise for several stories above a floor-level indoor ice-skating rink. Some of Houston's best restaurants are also here. Atop the whole mammoth structure is a soaring new hotel. The Galleria and other imaginative shopping centers throughout the United States, have led a magazine to title recent leading article "The Malling of America"

(20 marks)

5. "An outline is usually written in one of two forms, depending on its purpose and its subject." Explain with examples.

(15 marks)

6. "The SQ3R is a useful technique for reading a textbook." Discuss with reference to at least one of the readings in the course.

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