UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA Master of Business Administration

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AGW 613 - MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR

Time: [3 hours]

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please make sure that this examination paper consists of TWO (2) printed pages before you begin. Choose and answer only FOUR (4) out of the following questions.

1. Explain how demographic factors like age and gender work to influence behaviour at work.

[25 marks]

2. You have been hired as a management consultant to train a company's managers in how to understand individual differences. What would your training program cover?

[25 marks]

3. Briefly explain Herzberg's two factor theory. How would a manager approach a situation in which an employee was obviously dissatisfied and turn that into one in which the employee was motivated?

[25 marks]

4. Is it possible for managers at any level of the organisation to increase the power of subordinates through the use of a process known as empowerment. How does this process work? What are the advantages and disadvantages of empowerment?

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5. Define leadership. What is situational leadership theory? Elaborate on one of the theories under this category.

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6. Why does communication break down? Answer this question by referring to the barriers to effective communication.

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