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

Answer **THREE (3)** of the following questions.

1. In many respects, Malaysia faced an uphill task of fostering goodwill and understanding among the various ethnic groups in the country. How does this country's political system handle the existence of multi-culturalism?

2. Malaysia has successfully transformed its economy from that of an agrarian based to industrialization. Discuss the different phases of the country's economic development and the strategies used to ensure that wealth is widely-shared among the different ethnic groups.

3. What is the essence of Malaysia's foreign policy and the role of ASEAN in ensuring stability in Southeast Asia?

4. Malaysia is a democracy. Briefly explain the three main components of Malaysia's political system.

5. Identify the various factors that have contributed to the instability in Southern Thailand and Mindanao?