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SEA302 – Economic Transformation in Southeast Asia

Duration: [3 hours]

Please ensure that this examination paper has TWO printed pages before you begin the examination.

Answer **FOUR (4)** questions; you must answer **ONE (1)** question from each section. Begin your answer to each question on a new booklet. All questions carry equal marks.

Section A

1. As the Southeast Asian economies grow, income inequalities are also growing. Explain this trend with reference to Kuznet hypothesis.
2. Discuss the salient features of educational development in Southeast Asia.

Section B

3. Explain the relationships between industrialization and economic development of the ASEAN countries. You may choose a particular country within ASEAN to elaborate the answer.
4. Identify and discuss a field that your country can contribute towards a faster industrial development process in ASEAN countries.

Section C

5. Malaysia has policy instruments, administrative and physical infrastructure, and quality manpower that most other ASEAN countries may not have in place. Hence, the Malaysian economic was able to adjust to external shocks such as currency revaluation of the Republic of China (1994), Japanese recession-deflation (1990-2001) and the European-American economy slow down (2000-2001). Choose any THREE major national policies and discuss them with respect to their impact on Malaysia's performance. How is Malaysia's performance compared to Singapore's, Thailand's and Myanmar's?

6. Theories are important in any discipline. Discuss the relevant theories related to the public sector's role in nations. Do you think that ASEAN fit well into these theories? What are the alternatives available to ASEAN nations to function properly given the enormous task of the public sector in transforming their economies?

Section D

7. Briefly explain why most of the ASEAN countries switched from import-substitution policy to export-oriented policy. How successful is the export-oriented policy to the ASEAN countries?

8. Explain the changes in the industrial structure of the East Asian countries using the flying geese model. Discuss the trade competition faced by the ASEAN countries.