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HST 241 - HISTORY OF MODERN SOUTH EAST ASIA

Duration : 3 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of TWO pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Answer **TWO** questions in section A and another **TWO** questions in section B.

Section A

1. Explain the factors which encouraged the expansion of the European powers in South East Asia since the 17th century.
2. During the age of imperialism, the socio-economic structure of South East Asia changed. Discuss how the socio-economic structure of South East Asia changed under colonial rule in the 19th century.
3. Analyze the socio-economic and political impacts of the Japanese occupation in South East Asia.
4. Based on historical analysis, assess to what extent the Cold War was the most important factor driving the move towards regional co-operation in South East Asia and the formation of ASEAN.

Section B

5. Analyze the impact of direct and indirect British rule in Malaya during the 19th century.
6. In the 19th century all the nations in South East Asia except Thailand were occupied by European powers. How important was the rivalry between France and Britain in South East Asia to Thailand's physical independence?
7. Historically, British occupation in Burma was established through three consecutive wars. Explain the factors considered by the British in launching the wars and occupying Burma.
8. To what extent did the rise of the intellectual class motivate and inspire the awakening of the nationalism movement in Indonesia and the Philippines in the 19th century.