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**BBT 214/4 – Plant Biosystematics and Taxonomy**  
***[Taksonomi dan Biosistemik Tumbuhan]***

Duration: 3 hours  
*[Masa : 3 jam]*

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Please ensure that this examination paper contains SEVEN printed pages before you begin the examination.

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**Instructions:** Answer **FIVE** (5) out of **SIX** (6) questions, in English or Bahasa Malaysia. Each question carries 20 marks.

**Arahan:** Jawab **LIMA** (5) daripada **ENAM** (6) soalan yang diberikan dalam Bahasa Inggeris atau Bahasa Malaysia. Tiap-tiap soalan bernilai 20 markah.]

1. You are required to make a documentation of all the plants species in Penang National Park. Discuss in detail the steps taken for documentation.

(20 marks)

2. What is the difference between:

[a] *Oncosperma horridum* and *Oncosperma tigillarum*.

(5 marks)

[b] Family Araceae and family Arecaceae (Palmae).

(5 marks)

[c] Monocotyledon and dicotyledon.

(5 marks)

[d] Inflorescence and infrutescence.

(5 marks)

3. [a] What is the status of the genus below:

[i] *Rafflesia*

[ii] *Cassytha*

[iii] *Loranthus*

[iv] *Asplenium*

[v] *Dendrobium*

[vi] *Pistia*

[vii] *Aglaonema*

[viii] *Garcinia*

[xi] *Calophyllum*

[x] *Shorea*

(10 marks)

[b] Based on 3 [a], construct a key to differentiate between [i] → [x].

(10 marks)

4. Table below shows the data obtained from a palynology analysis of six different taxa. List all the similarities that are shared by those taxa. Calculate the degree of resemblance between every pair of taxa. Subsequently, insert the data in similarity matrixes and construct a dendrogram.

Characters/species	<i>Centella asiatica</i>	<i>Eryngium foetidum</i>	<i>Apium graveolens</i>	<i>Daucus carota</i>	<i>Hydrocotyle rotundifolia</i>	<i>Oenanthe javanica</i>
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Columellae 0: absent 1: present	1	0	1	0	0	0

(20 marks)

5. Interspecies relationships can be inferred from dendrograms generated from distance-based or character-based methods. Using suitable examples, describe these two methods and their advantages and disadvantages.

(20 marks)

6. [a] Explain homoplasy.

(4 marks)

- [b] What are monophyletic, paraphyletic and polyphyletic groups?

(6 marks)

- [c] Provide the definition of hybrid and criteria that can be applied to detect the occurrence of hybrid in a habitat.

(10 marks)