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SEA303 - Societies and Cultures of the Nusantara

Duration: 3 hours

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

Answer **THREE (3)** questions.

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1. Describe the culture ecology of rice cultivation as practised by the Malays. (100 marks)

2. Discuss the role and influence of Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam in shaping the culture of people in the Nusantara. (100 marks)

3. Describe the general ethnological atlas of any **ONE** of the following area:
 - a) Sumatra
 - b) Borneo
 - c) Java(100 marks)

4. List and describe briefly the indigenous aboriginal communities or Orang Asli of Peninsular Malaysia. (100 marks)

5. Describe any **one** cultural festival of any ethnic group in insular Southeast Asia and discuss the significance of the festival in relation to the belief system or religion. (100 marks)

6. Discuss the significant characteristics of gender relations and family organization in Malay **or** Javanese culture and customs. (100 marks)