

UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA

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SEA305 – Contemporary Malaysia

Duration: 3 hours

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

Answer **TRHREE (3)** questions only.

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- (1) Malaysia has sometimes been described as a quasi democracy. Would you agree that there is reason for such an assertion?
(100 marks)
- (2) There is too much emphasis in Malaysia on economic development and not enough attention is being paid to the development of social capital. Discuss.
(100 marks)
- (3) How would you best describe Malaysia's multiculturalism? Provide relevant examples to adequately illustrate your arguments.
(100 marks)
- (4) What are your views on Islam in Malaysia and how do you view its impact upon the nation's race relations.
(100 marks)
- (5) In your view is environmental degradation a problem in Malaysia? What could be done in general terms to further improve the condition of the environment?
(100 marks)
- (6) What are your views on the commercialization of higher education in Malaysia? Do you feel that it will lead to the reduction of university education into a mere market commodity?
(100 marks)