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**SPU318E - Democratic Government**  
***[Kerajaan Demokratik]***

Duration: 3 hours

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

*Sila pastikan bahawa kertas peperiksaan ini mengandungi DUA muka surat yang bercetak sebelum anda memulakan peperiksaan ini.*

You can answer the questions either in English or Bahasa Malaysia. Answer the **first question** and **TWO (2)** other questions. Each question is worth 100 marks.

*Anda boleh jawab soalan sama ada dalam Bahasa Inggeris atau Bahasa Malaysia. Jawab **soalan pertama** dan **DUA (2)** soalan lain. Setiap soalan bernilai 100 markah.*

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1. Discuss two concepts below and explain why they are important for democratic practice today:  
*Bincangkan dua konsep yang berikut serta jelaskan mengapa ia dianggap penting bagi amalan demokrasi hari ini:*
  - a. Equality before the law/*Kesamaan di sisi undang-undang*
  - b. Pluralism/*Kemajmukan*
  - c. Independence of the judiciary/*Kebebasan kehakiman*
  - d. Political parties/*Parti politik*
  
2. “It is evident that the polis belongs to the class of things that exist by nature, and that man is by nature an animal intended to live in a polis.” Discuss Aristotle’s statement in terms of the ancient Greek conception of the state. In your view, what are the weaknesses of classical Greek democracy?  
*“Adalah terbukti bahawa ‘polis’ tergolong dalam benda-benda yang wujud secara semulajadi, dan manusia adalah makhluk semulajadi yang harus tinggal dalam sesuatu ‘polis’.” Bincangkan pernyataan Aristotle tersebut dalam ertikata pengkonseptualan negara Yunani purba. Pada pendapat anda, apakah kelemahan-kelemahan demokrasi Yunani klasik?*
  
3. Discuss the “third wave of democratization”. In your view has the third wave come to an end?  
*Bincangkan “gelombang ketiga pendemokrasian”. Pada pendapat anda, adakah gelombang tersebut telahpun tamat?*
  
4. Pick any Asian country of your choice (not Malaysia) and explain what you think is the most interesting political development in that country. In your opinion how could democracy be practised better in that country?  
*Pilih sebarang negara Asia (bukan Malaysia) dan jelaskan apakah perkembangan politik yang paling menarik dalam negara tersebut. Pada pendapat anda, bagaimanakah demokrasi dapat diamalkan dengan lebih sempurna dalam negara tersebut?*
  
5. What is “universal democracy”? Do you think that the globalised world of today is heading in the direction of such a type of democracy? Give examples and refer to the most recent developments.  
*Apakah makna “demokrasi sejagat”? Adakah anda fikirkan bahawa dunia global menuju ke arah demokrasi tersebut? Beri contoh-contoh dengan merujuk kepada perkembangan terkini.*