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This examination paper comprises **ONE** page.

Answer any THREE questions.

1. What are the reasons that prompted the European powers to come to the Far East during the 16<sup>th</sup>. century
2. Was western colonialism in Southeast Asia solely driven by economic motives? Discuss critically.
3. Modern Southeast Asia is a product of European colonization. Is this view acceptable?
4. The phenomena of nationalism in Southeast Asia serves more to highlight the differences in perception and understanding of the functioning of a modern state rather than serve as a vehicle of nation building. Discuss.
5. Far from being the direct cause of the destruction of colonialism in Southeast Asia, the Japanese Occupation merely hastened its demise. Do you agree?
6. The Golden Bridge to independence in South East Asia was more a bane than a blessing. Choose any one country and discuss this statement.

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