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**HST 241 – History of Modern Southeast Asia**

Duration: 3 hours

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

Answer any **THREE** questions.

1. Discuss the economic and political disruptions caused by the arrival of western powers to Southeast Asia during the 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.
2. With reference to Southeast Asia, discuss the varieties of colonial rule that became part and parcel of 19<sup>th</sup> century western colonial expansion.
3. Without western colonialism, the modern nation states of Southeast Asia would never exist. To what extent do you agree?
4. "Nationalism in Southeast Asia was merely an excuse by a select group of political elite to accumulate power and rule in the traditional style while using the paraphernalia of a modern state" (M.N. Roy – Indian nationalist). Discuss.
5. To what extent do you agree that the Japanese Occupation of Southeast Asia was far more significant in promoting the destruction of the colonial regimes than the challenges posed by the various nationalist movements in the states of Southeast Asia.
6. With reference to any 2 Southeast Asian countries discuss to what extent independence brought any meaningful changes to the lives of the indigenous inhabitants.