

UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA

Peperiksaan Semester Pertama
Sidang Akademik 2003/2004

September/Oktober 2003

HXE 306 – Sociology and Psychology of Language

Masa : 3 jam

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER COMPRISES **THREE** PAGES.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- This paper contains SIX questions.
- Answer TWO questions from **Section A** and TWO questions from **Section B**.
- **Section A** and **Section B** carry equal marks.

Section A

Answer any TWO questions from this Section.

1. Define the term 'lateralization' process in the brain. Discuss any four studies that have been used to provide evidence for the lateralization of language in the brain

[25 marks]

2. [a] Discuss the difference between human language and animal form of communication.

- [b] Discuss various attempts that have been made to teach human language to animals. To what extent have these attempts been successful?

[25 marks]

3. Explain any FIVE of the following terms:

- [a] Broca's aphasia
- [b] Critical period hypothesis
- [c] Mental lexicon
- [d] Garden Path Model
- [e] Language Acquisition Devise
- [f] Categorical speech Perception

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer any TWO questions from this Section.

4. Every teacher should be a sociolinguist. To what extent do you think a teacher should be conscious of attitudes to language in the classroom?

[25 marks]

5. Discuss what is meant by a “standard language”, as opposed to just a “language”, and explain the process by which standard languages come to exist.

[25 marks]

6. Trudgill and other researchers have consistently found that in given communities women use the standard variety more than the men. This finding is regularly attributed to women’s lack of social status. How plausible do you find this explanation?

[25 marks]