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**THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS SIX [6] QUESTIONS IN ONE [1] PAGE.**

Answer any **THREE [3]** questions.

1. Discuss the impact of the arrival of the Western Powers in Southeast Asia during the 16<sup>th</sup>. Century?
2. “Western colonialism of Southeast Asia in the 19<sup>th</sup>. Century was driven solely by economic motives.” Discuss.
3. “The modern nation-states of Southeast Asia are an artificial creation of historical circumstances.” [Jan Romein, 1974]. To what extent do you agree?
4. Nationalism and national identity in Southeast Asia is a Western phenomenon that has to yet to be fully accepted in some Southeast Asian states. With particular reference to **any two** states, explain the difficulties of bringing about an acceptable and coherent concept of national identity and nation-state faced by these states.
5. When the Japanese overran Southeast Asia in 1942, they had declared the ‘Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.’ In truth however, the Japanese Occupation (1941-1945) merely substituted Western colonialism for Japanese colonialism. To what extent do you agree with this statement?
6. “Independence was far more hazardous than colonial domination.” [Ariffin Omar, 1999]. With reference to **any one** Southeast Asian state, discuss why independence created more problems than did colonial domination.

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