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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS **NINE** [9] QUESTIONS ON **TWO** [2] PAGES.

Answer **FOUR** [4] questions. **ONE** [1] question must be answered from each section.

SECTION A

1. Several factors had contributed to the presence of a plural society in Malaysia. Some scholars, however, blamed British policies as the main cause of its existence. Discuss.
2. One of the aims of the Malaysian National Education policy was to integrate her varied population. Now, some forty years later, how far do you think has the aim been achieved? You may quote your own observations and experiences to support your opinion.

SECTION B

3. What is meant by modernism in Malay Culture? Relate it to the emergence of modern Malay literature in 20th century Malaya.
4. Discuss the nature of festivals in Malaysia with reference to its religious, secular, individual and communal characteristics.
5. Every cultural form of any society, e.g. dance, music, or a festival project has its own characteristics in its own way. Choose one cultural form of your interest and describe precisely its features.

SECTION C

6. Discuss briefly the role of foreign direct investments in the export-oriented industry in Malaysia.
7. State three major characteristics of usury or interest. Why is Islamic banking not practising usury or interest? How does the Islamic banker help his client who needs financing to buy a property?

SECTION D

8. Discuss some major parallels between Malaysian constitutional provisions and the development of Malaysian ethnic capitalism.
9. “State Capitalism leads to a more authoritative role of the politician”. Discuss.