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(Kemahiran Reseptif)
Masa: [2½ jam]

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

-- This paper contains SIX [6] questions and comprises TWO [2] printed pages. Check that your paper is complete.
-- Answer THREE [3] questions, choosing at least ONE [1] question from Each Section.
-- $\quad$ The questions carry equal marks.

USE DIFFERENT BOOKLETS FOR EACH SECTION

## Section A:

1. "... vocabulary has traditionally been the major component in language teaching programs and still retains this position in some countries. Too much attention to vocabulary can have a harmful effect on the student's reading habits." (Nuttall: 1981). Discuss.
2. With appropriate examples, compare and contrast first language (L1) and second language (L2) reading.
[100 marks]
3. How can second language (L2) readers overcome their difficulties in dealing with unknown words? Discuss, with examples, the word-attack skills that they need to know.
[100 marks]

## Section B:

4. "An information processing model presupposes that all input originates from outside the listener. Any uncertainty in communication must arise from the possibility that the hearer might not really understand the input. The model does not account for other influences on the listener in determining meaning." (Rost: 1994). Discuss.
[100 marks]
5. To what extent can listeners help achieve co-ordination in a conversation? Discuss the fundamental responses or skills listeners can use.
[100 marks]
6. Discuss the ESL or EFL teacher's task in helping learners develop their listening ability.
