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HXE 306/4 – Sociology and Psychology of Language
(Sosiologi and Psikologi Bahasa)

Masa: [3 jam]

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. This paper contains **SIX [6]** questions and comprises **TWO [2]** printed pages.
2. Answer **TWO [2]** questions from Section A and **TWO [2]** questions from Section B.
3. Section A and Section B carry equal marks.

USE DIFFERENT BOOKLETS FOR EACH SECTION.

SECTION A:

1. Discuss with appropriate examples how changes occur in a language with particular reference to Labov's studies on the vowel centralisation on Martha's Vineyard and the (r) variable in New York.
2. Discuss the practical implications that social dialects and minority languages have in relation to the inequalities in language use as suggested in Bernstein's codes.
3. Compare the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis which basically states that the way people view the world is constrained wholly or partly by the structure of their native language, and Fishman's view that language is a reflection of its socio-cultural organisation.

SECTION B:

4. Is there any difference between first and second language acquisition? Discuss.
5. Distinguish Broca's aphasia from Wernike's aphasia. With relevant examples, indicate the extent and the types of the different linguistic disorders that may be associated with such brain injuries.
6. Evaluate the evidence that suggests that speech is preplanned before production.