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FINAL EXAMINATION, MAY 2009

B.A., B.ED.

TITLE OF PAPER: SPECIAL AREA STUDIES (S.E. ASIA)

COURSE CODE: GEP 432

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS INCLUDING
QUESTION ONE (1) WHICH IS COMPULSORY**

**MARKS ALLOCATION: QUESTION ONE (1) CARRIES 40 MARKS. THE
REST OF QUESTIONS CARRY 30 MARKS EACH**

**THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION
HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

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Section: A

Compulsory Question

Question 1

“The transformation of Malaysia’s national economy from one largely dependent upon the agricultural sector through the 1970s to an economy anchored by higher value manufacturing in the 1990s is testimony to Malaysia’s status as an NIE (Brookfield, 1994)”. Discuss the validity of the statement. **(40 Marks)**

Section: B

Answer Any Two Questions from This Section

Question 2

Compare and contrast the approaches of national governments towards development of the rural sector in South East Asia and that of Southern Africa. **(30 Marks)**

Question 3

Using examples, discuss the major problems facing South-East Asian cities today. **(30 Marks)**

Question 4

‘The shift from import substitution to export-oriented industries by some South East Asian countries has had a positive impact’. Discuss the validity of the statement. **(30 Marks)**

Question 5

Critically discuss the socio-economic impact of tourism in South East Asia. **(30 Marks)**