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KOD/NAMA KURSUS : BA2012 ENGLISH FOR HIGHER EDUCATION I
TARIKH : 28 FEBRUARI 2004
MASA : 2.30 – 5.00 PETANG (2 ½ JAM)
TEMPAT : BK 1; BK 2; BK 3; BK 4 (2); BK 5 (2); BK 6 (FPAU)

ARAHAN :
1. Kertas soalan ini mengandungi EMPAT (4) Bahagian dalam TIGA BELAS (13) halaman bercetak.
2. Anda dikehendaki menjawab SEMUA soalan.
3. Semua jawapan hendaklah ditulis dalam ruang jawapan yang disediakan.
4. Gunakan PEN untuk menjawab.

Nama Pemeriksa: ____________________________

KEGUNAAN PEMERIKA

| Section I | / 40 |
| Section II | / 20 |
| Section III | / 20 |
| Section IV | / 20 |
| Jumlah | / 100 |

NO. MATRIK : ____________________________
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NO. KAD PENGENALAN :

NAMA PENSYARAH :

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NOMBOR MEJA :

JANGAN BUKA KERTAS SOALAN INI SEHINGGA DIBERI ARAHAN
SECTION I (40 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the following questions. You are advised to spend about 60 minutes on this section.

I  It is well known that trade in Hong Kong has flourished considerably during recent years, despite problems at home and abroad. While the influx of refugees has brought the government severe problems in housing, education and other fields, it has made available a large number of relatively inexpensive but very hard-working employees. Many of the refugees have been people possessing considerable technical skill and some have managed to bring capital with them. However, the availability of cheap labour has brought problems which affect the export trade. Some foreign countries have objected to the unrestricted import of Hong Kong goods, particularly textiles, and have imposed tariff barriers or other restrictions. In a number of importing countries allegations have been made that Hong Kong manufacturers have been “dumping” goods at unfairly low prices. In some cases, reasonable restrictions have been imposed to protect industries in the importing country, but in others, the actions seem to be based on little more that unfounded prejudice. The cumulative effect has been to curtail exports from Hong Kong to some areas, especially to newly-developing countries trying to develop pioneer industries of their own.

II  Hong Kong is conveniently located near the large potential markets of China, Japan and South-East Asia, and trade with these areas has shown a steady improvement. Higher standards of living in these countries have led to an increase in the demand for consumer and other goods. But if Hong Kong is conveniently placed for Asian markets, she is at a disadvantage when trading with Africa, Europe and America. The cost of freight and insurance is another problem which industrialists have to face when they try to increase their exports to distant markets.
III Within Hong Kong a number of factors help the development of trade. The average employee works harder than his or her counterpart in some other countries and is highly adaptable. The technical skill of the local worker is very considerable and is sometimes underestimated by critics who have never visited Hong Kong. There are highly developed banking, insurance and shipping systems which help the local manufacturer and exporter. These systems have evolved to maintain Hong Kong’s position as a basically tariff-free port and they are easily able to deal with the complexities of modern trade. Income tax, too, is more favourable than in some countries with which Hong Kong must compete in the search for overseas markets. The incentives for workers, manufacturers and overseas investors are higher than in many other parts of the world.

IV A particular obstacle which local industrialists have to overcome or learn to live with is the shortage of land and the high price which must be paid for suitable manufacturing sites. The government has carried out a systematic policy of land reclamation but this is an expensive and lengthy process. It cannot be expected to keep pace with the rapid development of industry, particularly when land is urgently needed for housing and other purposes. One result is seen in the extent to which some minor industries make use of their workers’ homes, breaking down a manufacturing process so that a number of tasks can be done by employees in their homes.

Source: Hong Kong Annual Report, 1984

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**Part A (10 marks)**

The following words have been taken from the passage with their meanings as used in the context of the passage. **Match** the words on the left with the words/explanations on the right. No.(0) has been done as an example.

| 0. flourished (line 1) | ______h_______ | a) tax charged on goods |
| 1. influx (line 2) | _________ | b) biased |
| 2. severe (line 3) | _________ | c) make shorter or less |
| 3. possessing (line 6) | _________ | d) movement of goods by means of transport |
| 4. tariff (line 10) | _________ | e) serious |
| 5. importing (line 11) | _________ | f) bring back into use |
| 6. prejudice (line 15) | _________ | g) arrival of many people |
| 7. curtail (line 15) | _________ | h) grow well |
| 8. freight (line 23) | _________ | i) goods bring into a country from abroad |
| 9. investors (line 37) | _________ | j) condition of owning |
| 10. reclamation (line 41) | _________ | k) injury |

l) people who put money to get profit

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Part B (10 marks)

Based on the passage, state whether the following statements are true or false. Write either TRUE or FALSE in the blanks provided.

1. The refugees are a cheap source of labour for Hong Kong. ________

2. The goods produced in Hong Kong are cheaper than those produced in most countries. ________

3. Some allegations against Hong Kong are not reasonable at all. ________

4. Cheap labour in Hong Kong has caused some negative influence on some countries. ________

5. The main problem with trades when trading with western countries is the distance. ________

6. Some people say that workers in Hong Kong are lacking in technical skills. ________

7. Income tax is non-existent in Hong Kong. ________

8. Some foreign countries agreed with the unrestricted import of Hong Kong. ________

9. The influx of refugees have brought no problems in education, housing and other fields. ________

10. Some minor industries have used their workers' homes for manufacturing process. ________
Part C (20 marks)

Answer the following questions based on your understanding of the passage.

1. What does *at home* in line 2 refer to?

   ________________________________________________________________

   (1 mark)

2. What does *it* in line 4 refer to?

   ________________________________________________________________

   (1 mark)

3. What four benefits has the flow of refugees brought to Hong Kong?

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   (4 marks)

4. Why is cheap labour in Hong Kong a problem to some foreign countries?

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   (1 mark)

5. What actions have been taken by foreign countries to check the import of low-priced goods from Hong Kong?

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   ________________________________________________________________

   (2 marks)
6. What factors contribute towards favourable trade between Hong Kong and East Asian countries?


(4 marks)

7. What do these areas in line 19 refer to?


(1 mark)

8. Why are Hong Kong workers comparatively better than their fellow workers in other countries?


(2 marks)

9. What two problems does a local manufacturer face when he wants to acquire a site for a new factory?


(2 marks)

10. What action has the Hong Kong government taken to create more land for industrial development?


(2 marks)

\[20 \text{ marks}\]

\[\text{Total: } 40 \text{ marks}\]

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SECTION II (20 marks)

Choose ONE of the following topics and write A PARAGRAPH of about 100 words. You should spend about 50 minutes on this section.

1. My childhood experience

2. A memorable event in my life.
SECTION III (20 marks)

Part A (10 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in the box. Use each word only once. No. (0) has been done for you. You are advised to spend about 25 minutes on this section.

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The secret of good health is eating a sensible diet, coupled with regular (0) exercise. By diet, we do not mean cutting (1) __________ on food or worse, going without (2) ____________. That is very silly and in the long run, it will do more harm (3) ____________ good. A sensible diet simply means eating a variety of food in moderation. This (4) ____________ the key word, as far as food and exercise are concerned. Some people exercise too (5) ____________ and for too long. This means (6) ____________ they either fall ill or feel exhausted. Furthermore, they may even overeat because (7) __________ feel very hungry after all that exercise. One food dieters never touch is (8) ____________.

This is a pity because milk contains many nutrients which our bodies need. Milk is also one of the cheapest (9) __________ of calcium. We need calcium to build up strong bones. Women need more (10) ____________ than men and the older a woman is, the more she needs. Therefore milk, it appears, is not only for babies.

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Part B (10 marks)

Complete the following passage using the Past Tense form of the verbs in the brackets. No. (0) has been done for you.

At eighty-three, my grandmother sometimes (0) did silly things. The other day she (1) (call) me to ask whether I have seen her spectacles. She (2) (search) all over the house only to find them on her forehead. She must have pushed them up there while doing something else. She (3) (leave) the lights on and (4) (forget) to turn off the tap. On several occasions she (5) (try) to cook without lighting the fire. Once I (6) (catch) her sneaking into the neighbour’s house looking for grandfather (her husband) who had long been dead. She (7) (sweep) the floor several times a day, always grumbling about household chores (8) (is) never done. Quite often she (9) (mistake) me for father (her son). She would scold me for something I didn’t do. I (10) (know) then father was no angel when he was my age.
SECTION IV (20 marks)

You are advised to spend about 25 minutes on this section.

Part A (10 marks)

Complete the following sentences using the Past Perfect form of the verbs in the brackets. No.(0) has been done for you.

0. By the time the police arrived at the scene, it had started (start) to rain.
1. The children ____________ (eat) the cake when their mother came home.
2. The fireman ____________ (fall) from the rooftop before he was rescued.
3. The teacher ____________ (leave) before she could say anything.
4. The workers ____________ (finish) their job before they went for lunch.
5. When she was still a child she ____________ (dream) of becoming a beauty queen.
6. They did well in the test because they ____________ (study) very hard.
7. After she ____________ (draw) the pictures, she gave it to her mom.
8. There ____________ (be) lots of things to be done in the office all that week.
9. Mr. Jeyakumar ____________ (write) to the authority to complain about the smoke and the noise from that factory.
10. We felt nervous because we ____________ (never meet) royalty before.

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Part B (10 marks)

Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate tense in the Passive Voice. No.(0) has been done for you.

Scientists at Australia's University of Queensland said the human body (0) is designed to exhale when our feet touch the ground. Through this reaction the spine will (1) ____________ (protect) from sudden jolts. However, the breathing pattern will (2) ____________ (disrupt) when talking on the mobile phone and walking (3) ____________ (do) at the same time. Their findings (4) ____________ (base) on a study of a group of volunteers in a treadmill. Some of these volunteers (5) ____________ (ask) to walk in silence while others talked, reading from prepared scripts or describing images.

Activity in the trunk muscles that protect the spine (6) ____________ (measure) and (7) ____________ (record). It (8) ____________ (find) that the trunk muscles worked properly in those people who simply walked. However, people who talked while walking had less muscle activity in this area, potentially leaving their spines exposed. From the findings, it (9) ____________ (conclude) that people who chat on their mobile phone while walking are at risk of hurting their back. Mobile phone users should (10) ____________ (prepare) for the risk that they will encounter.

/10marks

Total: /20marks

KERTAS SOALAN TAMAT

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