FINAL EXAMINATION
FIRST SEMESTER 2011/2012 SESSION

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DATE: 5 JANUARY 2012 (THURSDAY)
TIME: 2.30 PM – 5.00 PM (2 ½ HOURS)
VENUE: DMS, DTSO, DSB K.T/WD, DSB K. TM, MKM, KYM, ALPHA COLLEGE, KIP, KOLEJ
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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This question booklet consists of THREE (3) sections in EIGHTEEN (18) printed pages excluding the cover page.
2. Answer ALL questions in the question booklet.
3. Use PEN to write your answers.

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MATRIC NO.: ____________________________ (in words)

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CONFIDENTIAL
SECTION ONE (35 MARKS)

You are advised to spend about **40 minutes** on this section. Read the following passage and answer all questions in **PARTS A, B, C and D**.

I

Deaths from cardiovascular disease (CVD), which includes heart disease, high blood pressure and strokes, first began to decrease in the 1960s in Western countries and have continued to do so since then. In the United States, the death rate from heart disease fell by over 35% between 1998 and 1997. Similar decreases have occurred in other Western countries.

II

How can we explain this encouraging development? One factor is that well-informed people are **willing** to change to a healthier lifestyle in order to reduce their risk of CVD. In the past, people tended to think that it was sufficient to have access to doctors on whose expertise they could rely. Now people understand that merely receiving the best treatment for illness or injury is not enough. They have learned to take more responsibility for maintaining and improving their own health. In the United States today, many smokers have broken the habit and fewer people take it up. The percentage of smokers is far below the level of the 1960s and 1970s. People are also becoming more serious about reducing stress. Many have changed their diets
and are eating food with less fat and cholesterol. More people are aware of the benefits of **regular** and frequent exercise like walking, running and swimming; some even walked or cycle to work instead of driving or using public transport.

Another important factor is that the **diagnosis** and treatment of the disease have improved. Advances in technology have made possible the early diagnosis of conditions that may cause serious problems later. As a result doctors can treat ***these*** conditions either by prescribing drugs to **lower** blood pressure or cholesterol or by performing surgery to repair damage to the heart. For patients who already have suffered a heart attack, the news is also good. Thanks to high-tech equipment, drugs, and experienced surgeons, many people recover and lead active lives after operations that were impossible four or five decades ago.

The news about cardiovascular disease, however, is not at all good. First, in spite of all the fall in death rates, CVD is still the most common cause of death in most western countries. The 2000 statistics for the United States, for example show that the heart disease was **responsible** for more than 30% of deaths in that year and was the greatest single cause of death.
numbers, of course, would be even worse if we included deaths that are associated with high blood pressure and strokes.

V

The second piece of bad news is that CVD deaths are falling in developed countries, but they are increasing in developing countries such as India and China. It has become a major health problem in these countries. Here, rapid social change is introducing the risk factors that we usually associate with CVD – a decrease in physical activity, an increase in smoking, and a change to a less healthy diet. In 2001, the World Health Organisation predicted that CVD would be the leading cause of death in the developing world within ten years. Clearly, CVD is a health risk that needs urgent attention worldwide.

VI

What can be done to fight this killer disease? The surgical treatment of heart disease will continue to benefit patients in countries where the expertise, equipment, and other resources are available. By itself, however, such treatment is not an adequate response to the CVD problem – for the following reasons. It is so expensive that it is an enormous burden even for the wealthy nations that can afford to offer it at present. For developing countries, which often do not have
the necessary financial, technological, and human resources, large treatment programs are simply not possible.

For these reasons, health experts have concluded that a global strategy to fight CVD must **emphasise** prevention of the disease through community and government programs. **These** can reduce the major risks factors of CVD by educating people about the connection between lifestyles and CVD. Governments can discourage smoking and **encourage** healthier eating — for example, by not allowing tobacco and food industries to advertise unhealthy products. There are, however, considerable **obstacles** to the success of such programs.

Part A (10 marks)

Answer the questions below based on the reading passage. Write your answers clearly.

1. Give **TWO (2)** reasons that could explain the fall in the cardiovascular disease (CVD) death rate in the wealthier countries.

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   (3 marks)

2. Why is CVD increasing in developing countries?

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   ________________________________________________________________
   (1 mark)

3. What is the writer's main idea in paragraph V?

   ________________________________________________________________
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   ________________________________________________________________
   (2 marks)
4. According to health experts, what strategy should be used to reduce CVD worldwide?

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(1 mark)

5. According to the writer, heart surgery has not benefited CVD patients in the developing countries. Give THREE (3) reasons.

i.  ______________________________________________________________________
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ii. ______________________________________________________________________

iii. ______________________________________________________________________
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(3 marks)

(_____/10 marks)
PART B (10 marks)

Read the statements below and decide if they are true (T) or false (F). Circle your answers.

1. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) and heart disease are the same. T F

2. The number of deaths in CVD did not decrease until the 1960s. T F

3. In order to reduce CVD, people need to have a lot of information about heart disease. T F

4. Heart disease can be diagnosed earlier because of the advances in technology. T F

5. Only due to high-tech equipment, many heart patients have recovered from the disease. T F

6. CVD is still the greatest cause of death in the United States. T F

7. CVD is a health risk that needs immediate care in developing countries only. T F

8. Surgical treatment will only benefit patients from the wealthier countries. T F

9. By educating people about the connection between lifestyle and CVD, we can reduce the number of deaths caused by CVD. T F

10. Fighting CVD through community and government programs will be easy. T F

(_______/10 marks)
PART C (5 marks)

Identify what the following pronoun referents refer to in the passage. They are **boldfaced** and **underlined** in the passage.

1. **they** (para. II, line 12) ____________________
2. **these** (para. III, line 27) ____________________
3. **It** (para. V, line 46) ____________________
4. **it** (para. VI, line 60) ____________________
5. **These** (para. VII, line 66) ____________________

(______/5 marks)
PART D (10 marks)

Match the following vocabulary items/expressions which are boldfaced in the passage, in the column on the left with their meanings in the column on the right. No. 0 has been done for you.

0. willing (para.II, line 9)  b. to have sufficient money
1. regular (para.II, line 21)  b. ready or eager
2. diagnosis (para.III, line 24)  c. to be connected with something in some way
3. responsible (para.IV, line 39)  d. doing something often
4. associate (para.V, line 48)  e. things that prevent progress
5. expertise (para.VI, line 56)  f. to suggest that someone does something that would be good
6. adequate (para.VI, line 58)  g. to give particular importance or attention
7. afford (para.VI, line 60)  h. special knowledge obtain from experience, training or study
8. emphasise (para.VII, line 65)  i. result or finding of what disease someone has
9. encourage (para.VII, line 69)  j. sufficient or good enough
10. obstacles (para.VII, line 72)  k. to blame for something

(_____/10 marks)

Total score for SECTION ONE: ________ / 35 marks)
SECTION TWO (30 MARKS)
You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on this section.

PART A (10 marks)

Complete the text below with the correct Simple Past, Present Perfect, or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets. No (0) has been done for you.

As thousands of Malaysian students (0) approach (approach) the end of the academic year in Australia, those who (1) __________________________ (manage) their time well, will benefit both in terms of performance and overall energy levels. Students (2) _______________________ (be) encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities, such as joining clubs, or taking part in organised excursions and short visits.

By including some of the excursions in their schedule, students not only (3)____________________ (have) good experience, but (4) __________________________ (ensure) that their academic work is up-to-date so that they can unwind for a few days. Last month, a group of 45 Trinity College Foundation (5) __________________________ (set) off on a "Control Australian Adventure" day. They (6) __________________________ (travel) via Adelaide to Coober where they (7) ______________________ (stay) in an underground bunk house accommodation. The house where they (8) ______________________ (stay) at offered them a real friendly and comfortable stay.
The results are clear. Students who (9) __________________ (study) all the time, without taking necessary breaks or developing other interest (10) __________________ (fool) themselves.

(_____ / 10 marks)

PART B (10 marks)

Complete the text below with correct Simple Present, Present Continuous, Past Tense, Past Continuous, Present Perfect Continuous or Simple Future form of the verbs in the brackets. Number (0) has been done for you.

Pak Salleh (0) is (be) a retired gardener. He (1) __________________ (become) a gardener when he was eighteen. Now Pak Salleh (2) __________________ (manage) his own plantation where he (3) __________________ (plant) various kinds of vegetables and fruit trees.

FAMA (4) ________________ (support) him in terms of advice and marketing all these years. His only son (5) __________________ (study) in Kolej Pertanian before his retirement. The son always (6) __________________ (make) sure that his father (7) __________________ (become) the role model in that field.

While he was a student in the Kolej, he (8) ________________ (dedicate) his time in the study of agriculture in order to become what he (9) ________________ (be) today. He is today a successful manager of an established plantation.
They (10) ________________ (leave) for Mecca next week to perform their Haj.

(_______ / 10 marks)

PART C (5 marks)
Rewrite the following sentences into the **passive voice**. No. 0 has been done for you.

0. Ali is carrying a big bag.
**A big bag is being carried by Ali.**

1. Farmers grow corn.

2. Our friends have painted the door.

3. Arisyah did not invite me to the party.

4. A large number of people speak Spanish.

5. The doctor will treat the patient soon.

(_______ / 5 marks)
PART D (5 marks)

Rewrite the following sentences into the active voice. No. 0 has been done for you.

0. The naughty boy was scolded by his mother.
   **His mother scolded the naughty boy.**

1. The milk has been drunk by the baby.

2. Yaakub will be given a new pen by his father.

3. The clothes are being washed by the servant.

4. The report is going to be written by Su and Anne.

5. The phonograph was invented by Thomas Edison.

(_______ / 5 marks)

Total score for SECTION TWO: _______ / 30 marks)
SECTION THREE (35 MARKS)

Using the problem – solution pattern of organisation, write a five (5) paragraph essay, in about 250 to 300 words on a chosen topic below. You are advised to spend ONE HOUR to complete your essay writing.

1. Many students claimed that they are experiencing culture shock when they further their studies abroad. Suggest ways to overcome this problem.

OR

2. It has been reported that there is a rise in the unwanted pregnancies among young girls. Suggest ways to overcome this problem.

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