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INSTRUCTIONS:
1. This question booklet consists of TWO (2) sections in FIFTEEN (15) printed pages, excluding the cover page.
2. Answer ALL questions.
3. All answers must be written in the question booklet.
4. Use PEN to write your answers.
5. The rules on academic dishonesty shall apply in this Examination.

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DO NOT OPEN THIS QUESTION BOOKLET UNTIL INSTRUCTED

CONFIDENTIAL
SECTION ONE (50 MARKS)

Part A (25 marks)

You are advised to spend about **45 minutes** on this section. Read the essay below and answer the questions that follow.

**Smoking**

Nowadays, the number of smokers has increased worldwide. These smokers come from a variety of ages; from youth to old people. Tobacco smoking also comes in a variety of types like cigar, cigarette, pipe, hand-rolled and others. To show more variant, tobacco also comes in many flavours and this may lead to the increasing number of smokers. I believe smoking is dangerous as it can affect people with diseases and is also a waste of money. However, some claim it has a positive effect to the country's income.

First of all, a problem that should be noted is smoking can cause diseases. From smoking, people can get cancer, heart attack, pregnancy disorders, asthma, and others. Smoking has caused many deaths. In Malaysia, every day many smokers are seeking treatment at the hospital to treat heart attack. As commonly understood, the disease is not specific only to smokers but also to people who stay around the smokers when they smoke and these people are known as "passive smokers". It does not matter what kind of smoking device you use, you will be highly affected by diseases.

Secondly, another problem faced by smokers is wasting money. People are willingly to spend a lot of money on smoking even though the price of cigarettes is always increasing. In Malaysia, smokers spend a hundred million ringgit to buy cigarettes daily. According to Zulkifli Manzor (2012), a reporter for Kosmo
newspaper, the number of smokers has increased from 3.1 billion in 2007 to 4.7 billion in 2013. To conclude, your hard-earned money can easily be wasted by smoking.

Some people believe that cigarettes are beneficial to a country. It brings much money to the government through taxes. Since many people smoke, the government earns a lot of money. The government can use the money for development. However, I believe there are other ways to generate a country’s income. We have the tourism industry, the education industry, the food industry and a lot more that can contribute financially to a country without letting any disease strike the people. Even some industries such as the food industry can be broken down into smaller branch industries which also can contribute to the nation.

In conclusion, even though it is a fact that smoking can generate a country’s income, I do not think it is necessary since smoking obviously gives people negative effects such as diseases, and it wastes money. I once again stand firm that smoking is dangerous. Therefore, I advise people to stop smoking and start having a healthy life.

Adapted from:

1. What is the writer’s stand about smoking? State ONE (1) of the reasons given by the writer.

(2 marks)
2. a) In general, what strategy does the writer use in the introductory paragraph?

(1 mark)

b) Cite the relevant sentence(s) to justify your answer to question 2 (a).

(2 marks)

3. Write down the thesis statement of the essay.

(2 marks)

4. Write down the topic sentence and concluding sentence for each of the proponents' supporting argument paragraph.

a) First body paragraph

i) Topic sentence

(1 mark)

ii) Concluding sentence

(1 mark)
b) Second body paragraph

i) Topic sentence

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(1 mark)

ii) Concluding sentence

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(1 mark)

5. Write down the refutation/rebuttal sentences for this essay.

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(2 marks)

6. Name ONE (1) type of supporting detail used by the writer in the following paragraphs and cite ONE (1) relevant sentence from the respective paragraphs to justify your answer.

a) First body paragraph

Type of supporting detail: ________________________________ (1 mark)

Relevant sentence: ______________________________________

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(2 marks)
b) Second body paragraph

Type of supporting detail: _____________________________ (1 mark)

Relevant sentence: ____________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________ (2 marks)

c) Third body paragraph

Type of supporting detail: _____________________________ (1 mark)

Relevant sentence: ____________________________________________________________

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7. a) What is the type of final comment used by the writer in the concluding paragraph?

__________________________________________________________________________ (1 mark)

b) Cite the relevant sentence to justify your answer to Question 7 (a).

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__________________________________________________________________________ (2 marks)

(_______ / 25 marks)
Part B (25 marks)

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section. Read the essay below and answer the questions that follow:

Internet

Nowadays, the Internet is growing rapidly since it has become a need for everyone no matter if you are single, married, or even if you are living with your family. To get access to the internet is easy; just switch on your computer device, connect it to the network, whether wired or wireless, and you will have internet access. I strongly believe that the Internet is beneficial in communication, and to get information. However, the danger of the Internet such as virus attacks cannot be denied.

One of the benefits of the Internet is it is the medium of communication. There are many ways the Internet can help us to communicate with each other. We have so many applications which can be used, or installed in our computers in order to connect with people. Most of these applications are free to use. Truly, all these programmes enable people to interact with others from different countries around the world and explore the cultures of different ethnic groups. For example, the most basic medium is e-mails. We also have social sites such as Facebook, Twitter, instant messaging like Yahoo Messenger and WhatsApp. Hence, we can conclude that the Internet is a medium of communication.

Another benefit is obtaining information. Today, a lot of people use information from the Internet because the Internet gives the latest news quite fast. For instance, Google and Yahoo are the top search engines on the Internet that provide all kinds of topics and information that we need. Even if you visit the Yahoo
page, you can find all sorts of information and news on it. In other words, you can read and watch videos about celebrity gossips, current issues, news about economics, sports, travel, and much more. Thus, the Internet is a suitable place to get information.

On the contrary, the Internet sends viruses to your computer. When your computer is connected to the Internet, your computer can be attacked by virus. A computer virus is also known as a "worm" which can cause harm to your computer by damaging the system. However, today we have many companies developing and selling anti-virus software. Therefore, if we are using computers, we must have one anti-virus software installed. When we are buying computer, the seller usually will ask us which software we would like to install. With the Internet, we can always update the software and make it efficient in handling virus threats.

In conclusion, I believe that the Internet helps people to communicate and to get information. I believe that the Internet is beneficial for us. Therefore, we must use the Internet positively to get the benefits.

Adapted from:
1. Who is the most appropriate audience for this essay?

(1 mark)

2. What is the purpose of this essay?

(2 marks)

3. a) What is the proponent's stand on Internet?

(1 mark)

b) What are the proponent's supporting arguments based on the thesis statement?

(2 marks)

4. a) What is the argument of the opponent pertaining to the Internet?

(1 mark)

b) Why does the writer cite an opposing viewpoint in the essay?

(1 mark)
c) What is the refutation/rebuttal given by the writer?

(1 mark)

5. Identify ONE (1) strategy the writer uses to develop EACH supporting argument and cite ONE (1) relevant sentence from the respective paragraphs to justify your answer.

a) First supporting argument: ________________________________ (1 mark)

Relevant sentence: ________________________________

(2 marks)

b) Second supporting argument: ________________________________ (1 mark)

Relevant sentence: ________________________________

(2 marks)

6. Give an example of a transitional expression (a word or phrase) from the paragraphs indicated in parentheses to show the following logical relationships.

a) Introducing a contrast idea or (Paragraph 1): ________________

exception

b) Indicating emphasis (Paragraph 2): ________________
c) Indicating an example (Paragraph 3): ________________

d) Introducing elaboration (Paragraph 3): ________________

e) Indicating additional support and evidence (Paragraph 3): ________________

f) Indicating cause and effect (Paragraph 4): ________________

g) Introducing a conclusion (Paragraph 5): ________________

(7 marks)

7. a) State the type of final comment used by the writer in the concluding paragraph.

____________________________________________________________________ (1 mark)

b) Cite the relevant sentence to justify your answer to Question 7 (a).

____________________________________________________________________ (2 marks)

(______/ 25 marks)

Total score for SECTION ONE: __________/50 marks
SECTION TWO (50 MARKS)

You are advised to spend about 60 minutes on this section.

Choose ONE (1) of the topics below and write an expository essay of about 350 words in FIVE (5) paragraphs using the indicated pattern of organisation.

1. Topic : Challenges faced in studying while working.

   Pattern of organisation : Exemplification

OR

2. Topic : Similarities and/or differences between working in government sector and private sector.

   Pattern of organisation : Comparison and Contrast

Use pages 11 and 12 for your draft.
Write your essay here.

Question: _______