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FINAL EXAMINATION

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Duration	:	**3 HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Please read the instructions given in the question paper **CAREFULLY.**
2. The question paper consists of **FOUR (4)** questions.
3. Answer **ALL** questions in the question paper.
4. Answers to the questions are to be written into the examination booklet.
5. Electronic dictionaries, lecture notes, files or any unauthorised materials except writing equipment are strictly prohibited.

This question paper must be submitted along with all used and/or unused rough papers and/ or graph papers (if any). Candidates are **NOT ALLOWED** to take any examination paper(s) used or unused out of the examination hall.

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(*This booklet contains 5 printed pages including this page*)

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Answer **ALL** questions on a separate sheet. **[100 marks]**

1. a) For questions **I** to **VI**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap.

Lucky Escape

After having **I**._____ their money for years the Clarke family were finally in a position to see their dream come true. They were ready to travel from Scotland to start a new life **II**._____ America.

The **III**._____ family were looking forward to it. Unfortunately, just days before their departure, one of their sons was bitten by a dog. They were told they would not be able to travel because of the possibility the boy could have rabies.

The father went to the docks to watch the ship that he had hoped would **IV**._____ them to their new life depart. As he stood on the harbour thinking about his son, he watched the ship and wondered if the family would ever get to make the journey.

However, soon after this disappointment the father **V**._____ how lucky the family had been. The son did not have rabies and a few days **VI**._____ the news came that the ship the Clarke family should have been on, The Titanic, had sunk**.**

I.	**A.** Collected	**B.** Saved	**C.** Stored	**D.** Kept
II.	**A.** To	**B.** On	**C.** In	**D.** At
III.	**A.** Altogether	**B.** All	**C.** Whole	**D.** Total
IV.	**A.** Take	**B.** Move	**C.** Send	**D.** Set
V.	**A.** Missed	**B.** Discovered	**C.** Found	**D.** Checked
VI.	**A.** Following	**B.** Later	**C.** Passed	**D.** Past

(6 marks)

b) For questions **I** to **IX**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) best fits each gap.

Amazon – A Global Technology Giant

Amazon is one of the world's largest technology companies. It started **I**._____ as an online bookstore in the middle of the 1990s and has grown **II**._____ over the past decades. Today, Amazon sells almost everything, from CDs and DVDs to sportswear and electrical **III**._____. The company also produces its own tablets and e-readers and lets users upload their own photos and other files to the Amazon-based cloud.
Amazon.com was founded by Jeff Bezos in 1994. It first **IV**._____ out of a small garage in Washington state. **V**._____ a year, Amazon offered hundreds of thousands of books. People could not only order books from an online catalogue but also write their own **VI**._____. In 1997, Amazon.com started **VII**._____ shares on the NASDAQ stock exchange.

By 2000, it had made over a billion dollars in sales. As time went on Amazon.com gradually grew. It bought many of its **VIII**._____ and today cooperates with other companies and lets them sell their products via the Amazon website. In 2007, Amazon went a step **IX**._____. It surprised the electronics world with a revolutionary eBook reader, the Kindle, which today dominates the market.

I.	**A.** Of	**B.** Out	**C.** Up	**D.** In
II.	**A.** Steadily	**B.** Gradual	**C.** Firm	**D.** Solidly
III.	**A.** Machines	**B.** Equipment	**C.** Pieces	**D.** Appliances
IV.	**A.** Ran	**B.** Functioned	**C.** Operated	**D.** Worked
V.	**A.** Within	**B.** During	**C.** While	**D.** Inside
VI.	**A.** Analysis	**B.** Checks	**C.** Reviews	**D.** Critics
VII.	**A.** Operating	**B.** Dealing	**C.** Changing	**D.** Trading
VIII.	**A.** Rivalry	**B.** Opponents	**C.** Rivals	**D.** Competition
IX.	**A.** Further	**B.** Farther	**C.** More	**D.** Beyond

(9 marks)

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c) For questions **I** to **V**, read the text below. Write the correct answer. Use only **ONE (1)** word in each gap.

Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day is **I**._____ National Irish holiday celebrated **II**._____ the 17th of March every year.

It is celebrated in many countries, more than any **III**._____ national festivals around the world. The Irish usually go to church in the morning and then participate in a parade. Drinking, dancing, and music **IV**._____ also part of the festivities later in the day. You can see the colour green everywhere. People paint their faces green, wear green clothes **V**._____ even eat green food.

(10 marks)
Total: [25 marks]

2. Read the following article some of the oldest trees on our planet, known as 'ancient trees'. **Write a summary about what can cause damage to ancient trees.** Your summary should be about **90 WORDS (and NO MORE THAN 100 WORDS)**. You should use your own words as far as possible. Indicate your word count at the end of your summary.

Looking After Our Elderly Neighbours

Looking after our elderly neighbours Our planet is home to some amazing elderly residents – old trees that have been standing tall for hundreds of years. Many have witnessed important historic events, and are a valuable part of our history and landscape. They are known as ancient trees, and they need our help, especially at a time when new diseases are spreading across continents. There is no particular age at which a tree is defined as ancient, as different tree species grow at different speeds, but an ancient tree is generally one that is much older than others of the same species. For example, oak trees can live to 400 years old, but Denmark's Kongeegen (or King Oak) is thought to be almost 2000 years old.

Ancient trees typically have a short, fat shape; the top often reduces in size and the lower trunk becomes wider with age. This shape makes them strong and solid, although even ancient trees are struggling to cope with the extreme weather events that are now becoming more common. And even if they survive these events, they can still be at risk from a sudden increase in strong sunlight if a large neighbouring tree blows down.

Ancient trees are most frequently located in forests and woodland, but can also be found in parks and even urban areas. Whatever the landscape, they are often all that remains of the past. Unfortunately, ancient trees are sometimes removed to make space for new construction projects. However, when they are allowed to remain as part of the new development, they can provide valuable clues to understanding the area's history. A tree with roots that have been squashed or destroyed, for example, might be a sign of previous heavy pedestrian use of an old footpath. Sometimes, the scars on a tree can provide clues to the things it has experienced. An unhealthy tree can be evidence of where chemicals have been used on a nearby farm. Just like the lines on an old person's face, an ancient tree's appearance can tell the story of its life.

No matter where they are located, ancient trees are incredibly rich in wildlife. A huge range of creatures live in and around them, from small insects and birds to bats and foxes. However, if the tree isn't protected from larger animals such as deer taking shelter underneath, the harm these animals can do over time can be fatal to the tree.

The first step in protecting our ancient trees is to know where they are. There is now an online database, where members of the public can search for the locations of these trees and add new ones to the existing list. What is also needed is better information on how to care for ancient trees. In the past, a lack of good forest management has proved deadly. And even today, one of the most common threats to ancient trees is when the amount of available light is limited by new trees starting to grow too close to them.

Ancient trees are spectacular and can teach us so much. It would be a great shame if they were not around for future generations to learn about and enjoy their beauty.

Total: [25 marks]

3. You should spend about 30 minutes on this task.

   The table below shows the number of local foreign students in University of Malaya from 2000 to 2006.

   Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

   Write at least 150 words

Year	Local students	Foreign students	Total number of students
2000	231,000	22,000	253,000
2001	111,000	25,000	136,000
2002	95,000	33,000	128,000
2003	87,000	56,000	143,000
2004	100,000	33,000	133,000
2005	239,000	22,000	261,000
2006	456,000	89,000	545,000

Total: [25 marks]

4. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

   In about **180 to 200 words**, write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

   Everyone should learn at least a foreign language at school.

   Notes

   Write about:

   - Learn about other cultures
   - Making new friends
   - ……..(your own ideas)

Total: [25 marks]

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