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Politics of South East Asia

Friday, 19 May 2006 : 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **TWELVE** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. What is the legacy, if any, of the Cold War in the region?
2. What are the main types of states in Southeast Asia, and what are the primary differences between them?
3. 'Differences among colonial powers to a large extent explain differences in post-colonial developments.' Discuss.
4. Compare governments' methods in handling ethnic divisions in post-independent Singapore and Malaysia.
5. How has the issue of religion shaped Indonesian politics?
6. How and why has the promise of 'People power' in the Philippines remained largely unfulfilled?
7. Is democracy in Thailand consolidated?
8. 'The Asian financial crisis of 1997-98 changed both models of and practices in the political economy in the region.' Discuss.
9. 'Communism has been merely disguised nationalism in Indochina.' Discuss.
10. 'The Asians have values but there is no such a thing as "Asian values".' Discuss.
11. Can the European Union be a model for the development of regional integration in South East Asia?
12. How has globalization led to significant changes in Southeast Asia? Discuss with reference to examples drawn from the region.

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