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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. **This question paper consists of two (2) parts:**
    PART A (30 marks)   **:**   Argumentation
    PART B (70 marks)   **:**   Problem Solving

2. **Candidates are not allowed to bring any unauthorized materials except writing equipment into the Examination Hall. Electronic dictionaries are strictly prohibited.**

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

4. **Only ballpoint pens are allowed to be used in answering the questions, with the exception of multiple-choice questions, where 2B pencils are to be used.**

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Total number of pages = 6 (including the cover page)

PART A: ARGUMENTATION (30 MARKS)

INSTRUCTION: There is **ONE (1)** question. Use the answer booklet.

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Where do you stand on the following issue? Write a simple two-sided argument based on the prompt given below to convince me of your claim.

> *KUALA LUMPUR (May 10): Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has announced the fourth extension of the movement control order (MCO), currently with loosened restrictions under the conditional MCO (CMCO), for another four weeks from May 13 to June 9.*
>
> *The period will see several major Malaysian celebrations that usually involve the movement of people, namely* Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Kaamatan *Festival and* Gawai *Day.*
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> *However, under the CMCO, Muhyiddin stressed that the restrictions on interstate travel still apply. "I know a lot of people are sad that they are unable to* 'balik kampung' *(go back to hometowns) to celebrate* Hari Raya *with their families. Be patient. When the situation gets a bit better, you can go back to your hometown to visit your parents and relatives," he said during a televised national address today.*
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> *"Although we have made many positive progress in the fight against Covid-19, our efforts have not been completely successful. Further steps still need to be taken to combat this outbreak. In terms of public opinion, I also find that most of the* rakyat *(people) want the government to continue to take appropriate measures to combat the outbreak," he said.*

Adapted from: https://www.theedgemarkets.com/article/government-extends-conditional-mco-until-june-9

Was loosening the restrictions of the Movement Control Order (MCO) beneficial for Malaysians in the fight against Covid-19? What were the advantages and disadvantages of the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO?)

Your argument should be structured into five sections, as follows:

(1)   claim [3 marks]

(2)   reasons in support of the claim – a minimum of three [6 marks]

(3)   counter claim – the strongest argument for the opposite/alternative claim [3 marks]

(4)   reasons in support of the counter claim – a minimum of three [6 marks]

(5)   refutations matching the reasons in support of the counter claim [12 marks]

NOTE
Marks will be subtracted for internal inconsistency, logical inconsistency, inappropriate use of extraneous material, fallacies, manipulative language and/or rhetorical ploys (minus a maximum of 10 marks).

END OF PART A

PART B : **PROBLEM SOLVING (70 MARKS)**

INSTRUCTION(S) : There is **ONE (1)** question. Use the answer booklet.

Identify and solve the problem, using the convergent and divergent thinking techniques that we practised in class.

Study the information (below and on the next few pages) carefully. What is it all about and how do the various parts connect? Pay attention to detail and identify trends and patterns. Then answer the questions below.

(1) Describe the problem from **THREE (3)** different perspectives.

[4 marks × 3 = 12 marks]

(2) Choose one of the three perspectives from Question (1) and explain **THREE (3)** current solutions to solve the problem from that perspective.

[8 marks × 3 = 24 marks]

(3) a) Which of the three solutions from Question (2) is the best one?

[4 marks]

b) Why is (3a) the best solution? By comparing it to the other two solutions, explain using **FOUR (4)** evaluative criteria.
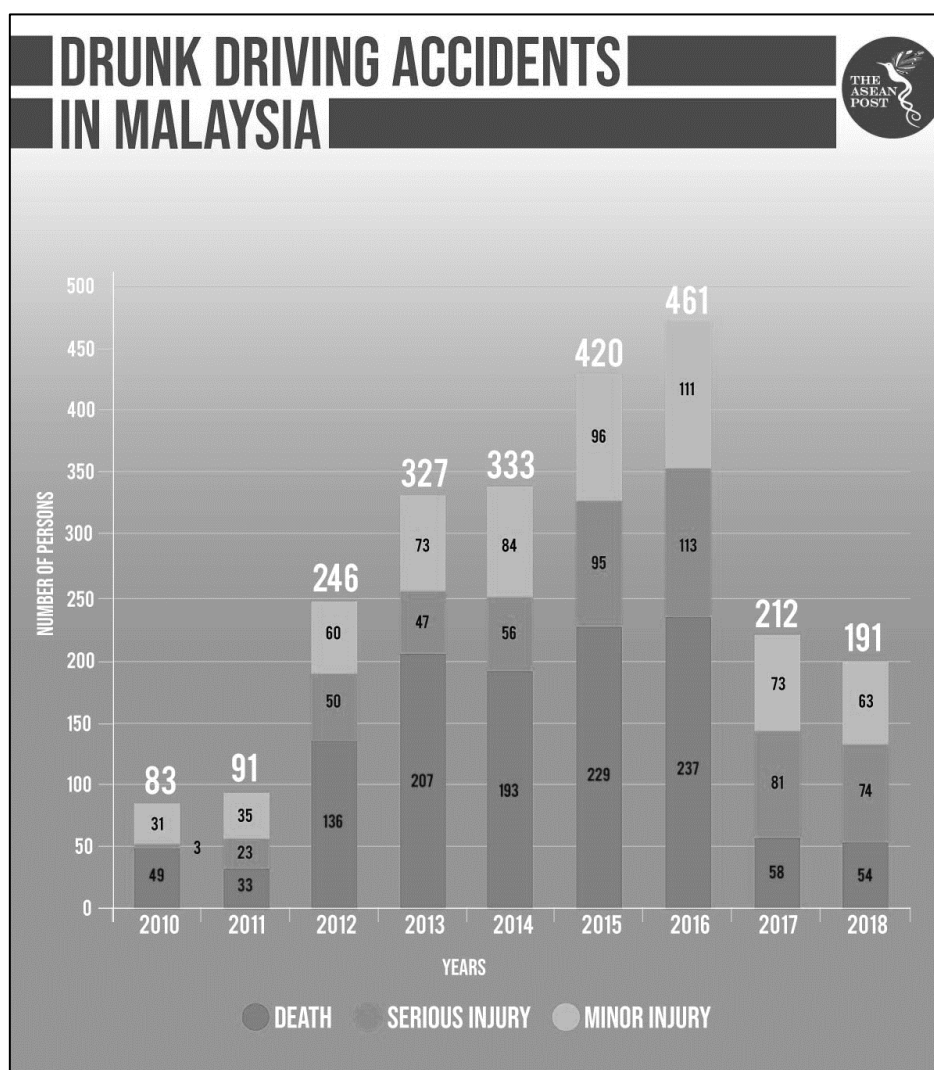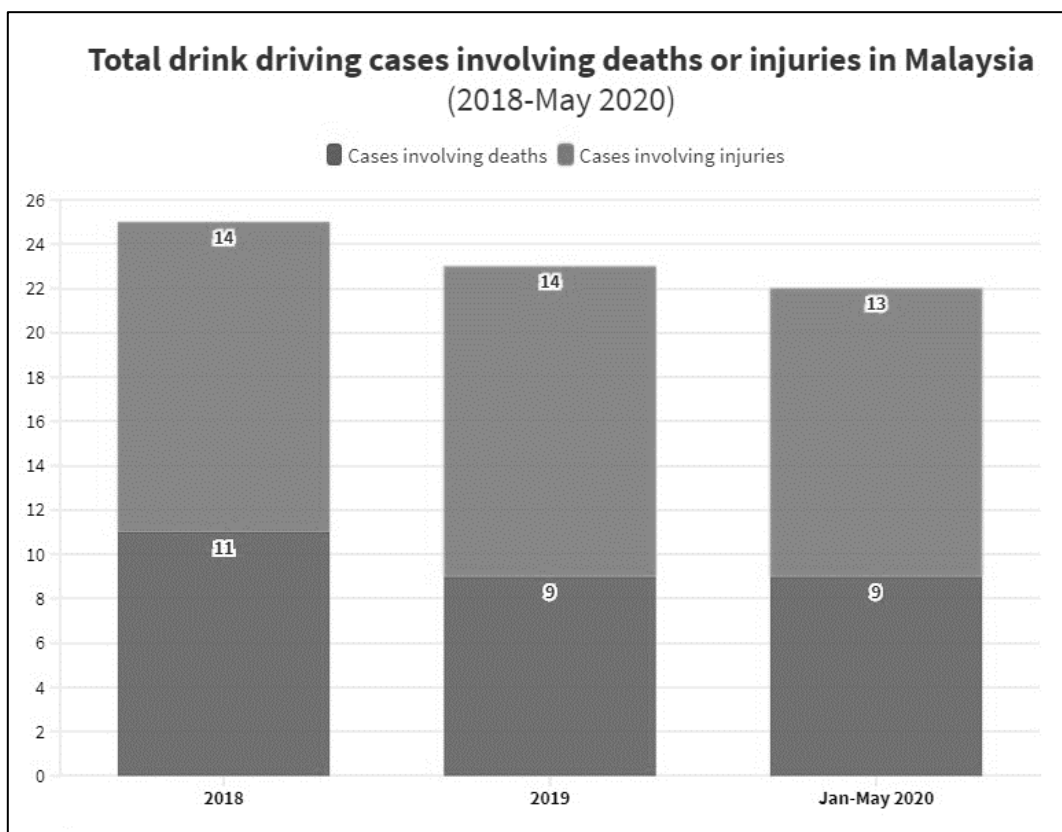
[4 marks × 4 = 16 marks]

(4) Generate **ONE (1)** new "out of the box" solution by modifying any of the solutions given in Question (2).

[8 marks]

(5) Describe how the new solution compares to the "best" solution you identified in Question (3) above.

[6 marks]

Total drink driving cases involving deaths or injuries in Malaysia
(2018-May 2020)

■ Cases involving deaths ■ Cases involving injuries

2018
- Cases involving injuries: 14
- Cases involving deaths: 11

2019
- Cases involving injuries: 14
- Cases involving deaths: 9

Jan-May 2020
- Cases involving injuries: 13
- Cases involving deaths: 9

DRUNK DRIVING ACCIDENTS IN MALAYSIA

THE ASEAN POST

NUMBER OF PERSONS / YEARS

Year	Total	Minor Injury	Serious Injury	Death
2010	83	31	3	49
2011	91	35	23	33
2012	246	60	50	136
2013	327	73	47	207
2014	333	84	56	193
2015	420	96	95	229
2016	461	111	113	237
2017	212	73	81	58
2018	191	63	74	54

● DEATH ● SERIOUS INJURY ● MINOR INJURY

LAW IN MALAYSIA (ROAD TRANSPORT ACT 1987)

Section 45G of the Road Transport Act 1987:
—prescribed limit means—

(a) 35 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath;
(b) 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood; or
(c) 107 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of urine.

Section 44 (1) of the Road Transport Act 1987:
—incapable of having proper control because of intoxicating liquor or exceed prescribed limits and causing injury or death :
(a) Jail time 3- 10 years;
(b) Fine RM8000 (USD2000) – RM20000 (USD 5000); and
(c) Unqualified for driving license 5 years (1 st time), 10 years 2nd time from date of conviction.

The Star

We need tougher penalties for drunk driving, and to restrict the sale of alcohol

LETTERS

Wednesday, 27 May 2020   10:00 AM MYT

Photo: Visual Hunt

On the second night of Syawal, May 27, 2020, a drunken motorist drove against the traffic flow on Jalan Pintasan Kuantan, Kuantan, before his vehicle collided with another car, instantly killing its driver, Irwan Herman Kamarudin, a 41-year-old father and husband, a dedicated employee who was on his way to work. He died at the scene from serious head and chest injuries.

On May 3, 2020, in the month of Ramadan, a 44-year-old motorist under the influence of alcohol lost control of his vehicle and ran into a policeman manning a movement control order (MCO) roadblock.

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