

Malaysian Studies 3

THE MALAY VALUES ORIENTATION

Outline

- Background
- Social Structure
- Relationship Orientation
- Religion of Islam

Background

- Definition of Malay [Article 160(2)]
 - Muslim
 - Habitually speaks Malay language
 - Conforms to Malay custom

Social Structure

- Hierarchical + relationship oriented
 - Respect for elders
 - Honorifics
 - Body postures







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Social Structure

- Value orientation of present-day Malays
 - Love for land + spirit of patriotism
 - *kampung* (village) = social unit
 - Influenced by peasant + community-based living (*kampung*)

Social Structure

- Occupation
 - Seasonal = cope with forces of nature
 - Cooperate with others
 - Contentment (*kesyukuran*) + contemplation (*ketenangan jiwa*) = living harmoniously

Social Structure

- ∴ influenced by
 - Strong family code
 - Islam
 - Customs (*adat resam*)
 - Good behaviour (*adab*)
 - Kinship groups
 - Land cultivation
 - Blood (*darah*) = bond of common humanity

Social Structure

- Kampung
 - Cluster of buildings comprising a homestead/village + surrounding garden areas
 - A community = civil + religious obligations



Social Structure

- Adhere to age-old practices
- Right to intrude in the “private” lives of others
 - Privacy = self-centredness

Relationship Orientation

- *Berbudi + Berbahasa*

- Conduct

- Politeness

- Good manners



harmonious living

Relationship Orientation

- Budi
 - Inherited to guide everyday life
 - Reflects their character + breeding + way of relating with others = personal & social conduct
 - Intellect/kindness
 - Intuition
 - Socializing + talking + eating + drinking + sleeping + interpersonal relationship
 - Cleanliness + trust + self-respect + patience + cooperation + humility + generosity

Relationship Orientation

- *Rasa*
 - Core of Malay personality = character + social sensitivity
 - Subjective experience = feelings + conscience
 - Can be observed + felt in a social interaction
 - Origins traced to communal and close proximity living in *kampung*
 - Emotional intelligence

Relationship Orientation

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 - understand shame = well-bred + morally upright
 - Appropriate behaviour = preserve one another's good name + reputation
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“guilty feeling” + withdrawn + unworthy

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Social + personal judgment by others

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 - Related to the concept of face (*Air muka*)

Relationship Orientation

- Face (*Air muka*)
 - Respect + dignity
 - Polite system
 - Enhance interpersonal relationship
 - Maintain + showing face = harmony

Relationship Orientation

**Shapes
Of
Face**

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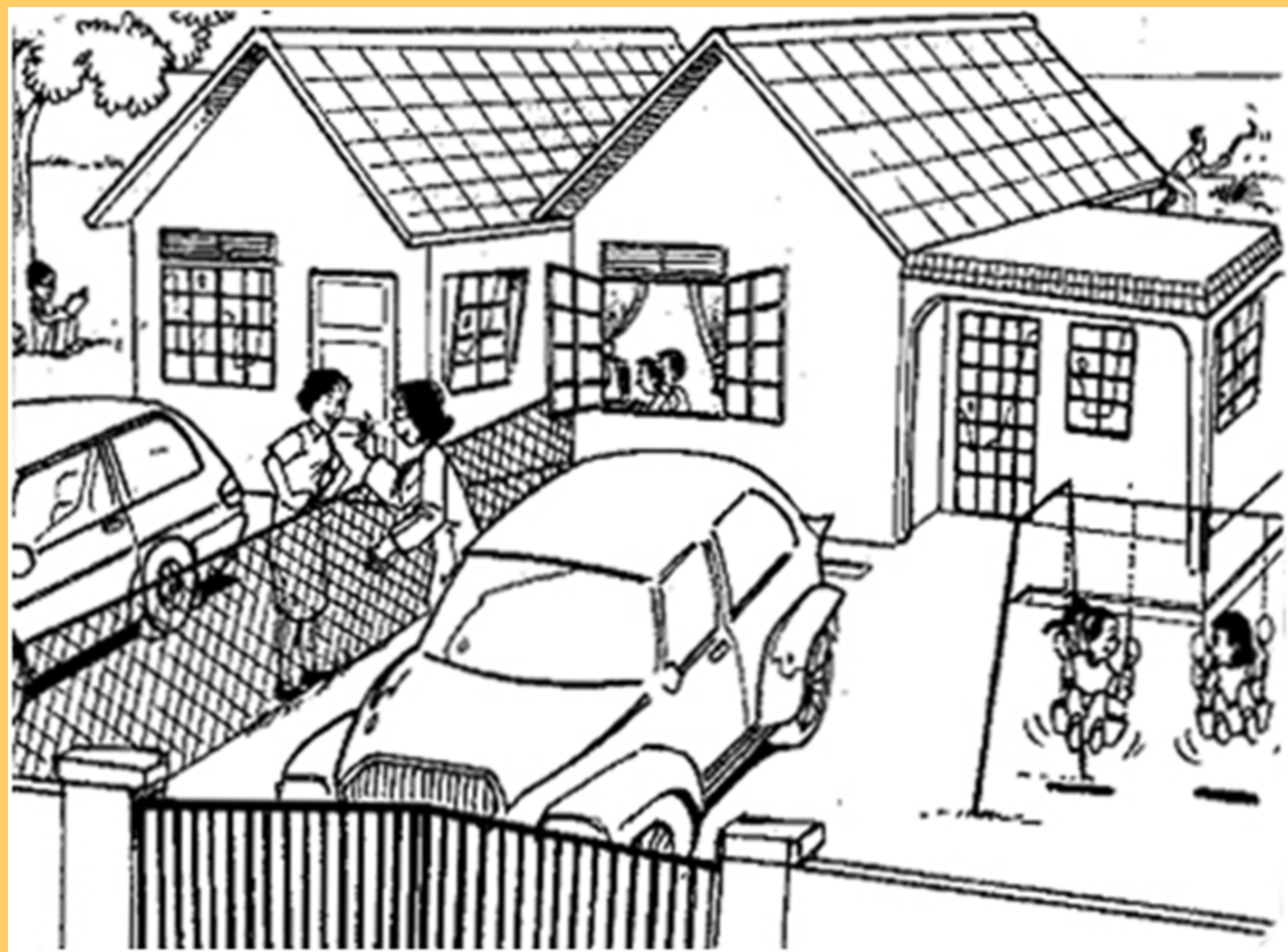
Religion of Islam

- Main official religion
- Cement of Malay cultural solidarity
- Rituals + activities
- 5 pillars of Islam
 - Admission to One God
 - Pray 5 times a day
 - 30 days fast
 - Tithes + alms (zakat + sedekah)
 - Pilgrimage to Mecca

Religion of Islam

1. Prayers
2. Provides a sense of community
3. Halal food
4. No cohabitation







Questions?

Thank You.