

AET2  
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II

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Wednesday 7 June 2017 9 to 12.00 pm

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### **Paper C18**

#### **China and Warfare**

*Candidates should answer **three** questions. All questions carry **equal** marks.*

*Write your number **not** your name on the cover sheet of **each** answer booklet.*

#### **STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

*20 page answer booklet*

*Rough Work Pad*

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION**

*None*

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

## **China and Warfare**

Answer **three** of the following questions. All questions are of equal value.

1. 'The Taiping Rebellion was a civil war'. Discuss.
2. To what extent was the failure of military modernization during the Self-Strengthening period the result of political paralysis?
3. What were the causes of the Boxer War of 1900?
4. Why did the National Revolutionary Army emerge victoriously from the Northern Expedition of 1926 – 1928?
5. Analyse Nationalist and Japanese military strategy between the beginning of the war in 1937 and the fall of Wuhan in 1938.
6. How significant was the China Theatre in the Allied war against Japan?
7. Assess the contribution of Iris Chang's *The Rape of Nanjing* to historical understandings of the Second World War in China.
8. How important was land reform to the victory of the Communists in the 1945 – 1949 civil war?
9. Using concrete examples from events on the ground as well as from the secondary literature, examine the usefulness of the distinction between the Second World War and the Cold War in analysing warfare in Asia in the middle of the twentieth century.
10. Is Clausewitz's concept of the trinity useful in analysing warfare in China?

**END OF PAPER**