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Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II

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Friday 31 May 2019 9 to 12.00 pm

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### **Paper C18**

#### **China in a Global WWII**

*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.**

Answer **three** of the following questions.

1. "Japan could never have defeated China in the Second World War." Discuss.
2. Assess Nationalist strategy from the Battle of Shanghai to the fall of Wuhan.
3. Evaluate the changing role of the China Theatre in general Allied strategy during the Second World War.
4. 'Without the Japanese invasion, the Communists would still be in the hills'. Assess this statement.
5. 'Allies were also adversaries'. Discuss three examples relevant to China that bear out this statement.
6. Why did China inaugurate a national day of commemoration for its victory in the War of Resistance only in 2015?
7. How important was the Korean War in bringing about a new order in East Asia?
8. To what extent was the Ichigo Campaign a turning point in the Second World War?
9. Explain the Communist victory over the Nationalists in 1949.
10. Using the examples of the Nanjing Massacre, the 1938 breaking of the Yellow River dike by the Nationalists, and the 1948 Siege of Changchun, analyse the politics of memory in contemporary China.

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