

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS, PART II

Chinese Studies

Wednesday 13 June 2012 9.00-12.00

C.20 CONTEMPORARY CHINESE SOCIETY

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

Write your number *not* your name on the cover sheet of *each* Answer book.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Answer Book x 1
Rough Work Pad

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

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

Answer **three** questions:

1. 'Mao revised Marxism to such an extent that he cannot be described as a Marxist.' Discuss.
2. Discuss Mao's role in the Great Leap Forward. How important was the Lushan Plenum in causing the Great Leap Forward?
3. To what extent was the Cultural Revolution 'a palace coup'? Critically examine this view of the Cultural Revolution.
4. 'The 1950 Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance was doomed to fail from the outset.' Discuss.
5. To what extent has the CCP addressed the main grievances of the 1989 Tiananmen demonstrators?
6. How have the benefits of China's economic reforms been distributed?
7. How did Deng Xiaoping change politics in China?
8. 'The rise of popular nationalism in the post-Tiananmen era has become a double-edged sword for the CCP.' Discuss.
9. Is there a credible discourse of human rights in China?
10. 'The West has nothing to fear from the rise of China.' Discuss.

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