



AET2

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II

Tuesday 02 June 2015 9 to 12.00 pm

Paper C20

Contemporary Chinese society

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. How would you explain Mao's deviation from orthodox Marxist theories?
2. 'The course of political development in the PRC is a direct result of power struggles between top leaders.' Discuss.
3. Explain the connections between the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution.
4. Discuss the theories and practises of human rights and citizens' rights in post-Mao China.
5. 'Regime legitimacy is the only thing on the minds of the CCP leaders in the post-Mao era.' Discuss.
6. Why are 'left' and 'right' such salient categories in Chinese politics? Discuss in light of both the Maoist and reform eras.
7. Identify and explain some of the major social transformations in Chinese society in the reform era.
8. 'The differences between rural and urban China are fast disappearing.' Discuss.
9. 'Collective social life has disappeared in post-Mao China.' Discuss.
10. Is 'religion' a better lens than 'sexuality' through which to understand contemporary Chinese society?

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