

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS, PART II

Chinese Studies

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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.

Contemporary Chinese Society

1. What were the causes of the Cultural Revolution?
2. Explain Mao's logic behind the mass line and the mass campaign and evaluate the ways in which these ideas were put into practice during the Maoist era.
3. To what extent has the Chinese Communist Party's decision to reinvent itself as a nationalist party after the 1989 Tiananmen Incident backfired?
4. 'China's modern-day theory of human rights is directly linked to Western criticisms of China's human rights record.' Discuss.
5. Has economic reform made the Chinese Communist Party more popular amongst the Chinese people?
6. In what ways is 'law' a useful lens through which to understand Maoist and reform-era China?
7. To what extent is it helpful or not helpful to examine Chinese socio-political life through the lens of 'policies'?
8. Explicate the relationships between rural and urban China during the Maoist and reform eras.
9. Is commodification the root of all evil in today's China?
10. In what ways have new social institutions and new forms of social relationships and sociality in today's China replaced those of the Maoist era?