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Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II

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Tuesday 5 June 2018, 9.00 to 12.00

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## **Paper EAS2**

### **The East Asian Region**

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.**

1. How similar in origins, process and outcome were the Cultural Revolution and the Cambodian Genocide?
2. In what ways was US early post-war policy in Japan and Korea interdependent?
3. Why are historical narratives of victimisation in Northeast Asia so persistent and why do they continue to divide countries in the region? Illustrate your answer with examples from at least two bilateral relationships.
4. How and why are fears of abandonment and/or entrapment threatening contemporary US alliance policy in Northeast Asia under the Trump administration?
5. Was US involvement in Indochina destined to end in failure?
6. 'Historians rather than international relations specialists are better equipped to forecast the future.' Discuss.
7. What was the nature of the Cold War in East Asia and was it different in the West? Has it ended? Discuss.
8. The Korean War led to the Sino-Soviet split. Argue for or against.
9. Describe Japan's relationship with the US from the 1960s until today and explain how Japan has tried to avoid being a client state. Has it succeeded? Why or why not?
10. Analyze the imperial, post-imperial and Cold War forces that influence how North Korea evolved and analyze the historical challenges its neighbours and the US face in dealing with its nuclear rise.

**END OF PAPER**

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