



AET2

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II

Friday 2 June 2017 09.00 to 12.00

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 'strategic' has Japanese foreign policy been since 1945?
2. Was US failure in Vietnam inevitable?
3. 'Leaders, more than ideology, have been the decisive factor in explaining conflict during the Cold War in East Asia.' Discuss, with reference to at least three individuals.
4. What explains the origins, course, and conclusion of China's 'Cultural Revolution'?
5. How have inappropriate historical analogies contributed to US policy failures in East Asia?
6. Are America's Asian alliances evidence of imperial exploitation, 'free-riding', or mutually beneficial cooperation between sovereign, independent states?
7. Which power – the United States or China – should best be viewed as an anti-status quo power?
8. In what sense is North Korea a threat to East Asia and the wider world? How and by whom should this threat be addressed?
9. How should one explain the origins and durability of ASEAN? Is it redundant today?
10. 'History rather than International Relations is a better discipline for understanding both East Asia's past and its future.' Discuss.

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