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Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II

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Thursday 26 May 2016 13.30 to 16.30

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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. Provide three clear examples of the end of empire in East Asia. To what extent was Japan's process of decolonization different from the European or American cases?
2. How was justice either restored and/or pursued in post-WWII East Asia? What were the major differences between the pursuit of Class A war criminals and Class BC war criminals?
3. What is the "San Francisco System"? Who was most instrumental in ensuring a successful and durable peace settlement and why?
4. In what sense is it fair to characterise Taiwan as a 'Cold War Island'? Is the term still appropriate today?
5. The Korean War is variously described as a 'civil war', 'proxy war' and an 'international conflict.' Which characterization is most persuasive?
6. In what sense was the American experience in Indochina a tragedy?
7. To what extent was the Sino-Soviet split a function of ideology, personality, or geopolitics?
8. Is 'China's rise' a threat to international order?
9. What role does ASEAN have in moderating the conflict in the South China Sea?
10. How meaningful is it to characterise the DPRK as a 'rogue nation-state'?

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