



AET2

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II

Tuesday 26 May 2020 09.00 to 14.00

This is a three hour examination

Paper EAS2

The East Asian Region

*Answer **three** questions. All questions carry **equal** marks.*

*Limit each answer to a **maximum of 1200 words**.*

*Type your number **not** your name as well as the paper code (EAS2) on the first page of your submission.*

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

Student declaration form

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Save your file as EAS2_[your number].

Upload your answers as a Word document.

Upload a completed student declaration form as a separate file.

The exam will begin as soon as you open the file containing the questions. Once begun you will have three hours to complete the exam.

1. 'The United States during the Cold War was more an "empire by invitation" rather than an "empire by design".' Discuss.
2. To what extent and why did the ending of the Cold War demonstrate the failure of international relations as a predictive discipline?
3. Was the 'loss of China' inevitable?
4. What are the historical lessons of the US experience in Indochina and East Asia that Robert McNamara details in the documentary *Fog of War*?
5. Why has it been so difficult to move beyond the past in contemporary Northeast Asia?
6. Moon Jae-in, Donald Trump, or Kim Jong-un: which leader has been most effective in promoting peace on the Korean Peninsula?
7. What accounts for the durability of US alliances in Northeast Asia and are they still fit for purpose?
8. Ideology, power, or personality: what accounts for the rise and fall of the Sino-Soviet partnership?
9. Is China a status quo power or a revisionist state that threatens international order?
10. Are Japan and South Korea immune from the contagion of populism?

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