EASP.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF EAST ASIA

Answer TWO questions from Section A and ONE question from Section B. All questions are of equal value.

Write your number not your name on the cover sheet of each Section booklet.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
20 Page Answer Book x 1
Rough Work Pad

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.
SECTION A

1. Why and how did the early Heian emperors (9th century) promote Chinese literature at court?

2. How and why did the international order of East Asia in the 11th and 12th century differ from that in the 16th century?

3. To what extent did early Ming domestic policy and pressures determine the arrangements of the East Asian international order it sought to establish?

4. In what ways did the international order in East Asia change in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries? You may restrict your answer to one of these two centuries if you wish.

5. Analyze and compare the responses of Japan and China to the growth of imperialism in the second half of the nineteenth century.

6. How useful are the concepts ‘The Second World War’ and ‘The Cold War’ in analyzing military conflict in East Asia between 1930 and 1950?

7. How has East Asia changed – political, social, and economic structures – over the last 150 years?

8. What possible issues might the three countries China, Japan and Korea struggle with in the future and on what issues would they be in consensus and why?

9. To what extent were the origins of the Cold War in Asia based on ideological rivalry, civil division, territorial conflict, or conventional power politics?

10. Why has democracy, as a functioning political system, taken hold in some but not all societies in contemporary East Asia?
SECTION B

11 Discuss and assess Emperor Qin Shihuang’s role in the formation of the Chinese empire.

12 What impact did printing technologies have on East Asia before the end of the nineteenth century? You may confine your answer to China OR Japan OR Korea, if you wish.

13 Using the late Qing’s state response to famine as an example, analyze the impact of population growth and commercialization on the late imperial Chinese state.

14 In what respects did Japan follow its own independent path in the Edo period?

15 When did Japan become ‘modern’?

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