EXAMINATION IN ORIENTAL STUDIES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

East Asian Studies

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EA.12 ISSUES IN EAST ASIAN HISTORY

Answer three questions.
All questions are of equal value.

STATIONARY 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.
1. What political uses have been made of archaeology in East Asia?

2. Discuss the history of East Asian space in terms of ‘nation states’ and ‘borders’.

3. Who was responsible for the Korean War and how, if at all, might it have been avoided?

4. ‘North Korea’s nuclear strategy demonstrates both the rationality of the DPRK’s diplomacy and the failure of the East Asia policy of the United States.’ Discuss.


6. Assess the domestic and international origins of the Chinese Communist revolution.

7. Analyze the effectiveness of the Chinese bureaucracy in maintaining China’s ecological system in the eighteen and nineteenth centuries.

8. Discuss the connections between the Second World War and the Cold War in East Asia.

9. What three major historical or political issues have influenced postwar Sino-Japan relations?

10. Respond to the statement that, ‘Japan’s development from the Meiji Restoration to the present era is based on varied forms of imperialism - military, economic, soft power, etc.’

11. To what extent is East Asia a product of the Second World War?

12. Discuss the Japanese dōka (assimilation) and kōminka (imperialisation) policies and their impacts upon Taiwan.

13. How is cultural nationalism invoked in contemporary Taiwan? Consider aspects of society, literature and language in your analysis.

14. ‘Intergenerational relations have weakened in contemporary East Asia.’ Discuss with reference to two East Asian countries.
Scholars have argued that the ‘triumph of conjugality’ and the ‘emotionalisation of filial piety’ are new developments in East Asia. Assess the significance of these recent trends.

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