



EXAMINATION IN ORIENTAL STUDIES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
PHILOSOPHY

East Asian Studies

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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.
- 5 Assess Japanese and Chinese military and political strategies during the Second World War.
- 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.

- 15 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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