



AET1

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

Monday 4 June 2018, 13.30 to 16.30

Paper J10

Japanese politics

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. 'Populism is unlikely ever to succeed in Japan.' Discuss.
2. To what extent is it fair to argue that the US Occupation of Japan was shaped more by strategic self-interest than political or economic reform?
3. Park Chung-hee or Kim Dae-jung: which of these two leaders was most influential in shaping contemporary South Korea's political identity?
4. Is there such a thing as an 'Abe Doctrine'? Discuss.
5. Why has Okinawa remained a point of contention in post-war Japanese politics and how might the controversy surrounding its status best be resolved?
6. Is Japan under the LDP once again a 'one-party dominant regime'?
7. To what extent is it appropriate to describe Japan's post-war economic success as 'plan rational'?
8. Is constitutional revision a necessary and sufficient requirement for ensuring a 'normal' Japan?
9. How, and by whom, can the North Korean nuclear crisis be resolved?
10. 'Institutions are more important than interests in Japanese politics.' Discuss.

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