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Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

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## **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. 'Prime Minister Abe is a pragmatist rather than a revisionist.' Discuss.
2. Why have the Left and the Right in post-war Japan been divided over identity politics? Can they be reconciled?
3. Do local politicians offer a solution to the problem of declining political confidence in contemporary Japan?
4. What problem is "Abenomics" intended to solve and is it working?
5. Is it fair to argue that street politics and civic activism have been the primary source of political change in South Korea since 1948?
6. 'The rights of Japan's citizens are inadequately protected either by the country's legal system or its media.' Discuss.
7. Why has the Democratic Party of Japan gone from success to apparent failure in less than a decade? Can it recover and if so, how?
8. Which perspective – that of the 'Chrysanthemum Club' or the 'Shūseironsha' – best describes modern Japan's developmental experience?
9. Does 'pluralism' or 'elitism' best explain the success of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party?
10. Is the survival of the North Korean state proof of the rationality and legitimacy of its leadership?

**END OF PAPER**

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