



AET1

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

Monday 1 June 2015 13.30 to 16.30 pm

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. Is local government the solution to growing disaffection with national politics in contemporary Japan?
2. 'The Abe administration's revision of the rule governing collective self-defence is constitutional revision via the back-door.' Discuss.
3. Does 'Abenomics' represent the end of the Developmental State?
4. To what extent is it fair to argue that the post-1945 Japanese polity was built by the United States?
5. Why has the Democratic Party of Japan apparently so rapidly become an ineffectual opposition party? Does it have a future?
6. 'Japan's anti-nuclear movement demonstrates that citizens' activism is still alive and well in Japan?' Discuss.
7. What are the obstacles to and opportunities for unification of the Korean Peninsula?
8. Is conflict between China and Japan inevitable?
9. How important is generational continuity in understanding political dynamics in Japan and the two Koreas?
10. How useful are culture and national identity in making sense of political change in post-1945 Japan?

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