J.10  JAPANESE POLITICS

Answer THREE questions.

All questions are of equal value.

Write your number not your name on the cover sheet of each Answer Book.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
20 Page Answer Book x 1
Rough Work Pad

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
none

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.
Answer THREE out of the following ten questions.

(1) Is Abe Shinzō a revisionist or a pragmatist?

(2) What does the execution of Jang Song-Taek tell us about the nature of power in North Korea and the durability of the country’s political system?

(3) Can constitutional reform solve Japan’s national identity crisis?

(4) In what sense is it fair to attribute the ‘miracle on the Han river’ to President Park Chung-hee?

(5) To what extent does the Okinawa issue or the debate over nuclear power provide an opportunity for the revitalization of local government in Japan?

(6) ‘US-Japanese-South Korean trilateralism has been more an aspiration than a reality.’ Discuss.

(7) Which polity is the more convincing example of democratic success: South Korea or Japan?

(8) To what extent does Japan’s electoral system explain the rise and fall of the Democratic Party of Japan?

(9) ‘Laws and institutions matter less than culture when explaining political behaviour.’ Discuss with reference to BOTH Japan AND Korea.

(10) To what extent is history (for example the experience of World War I) a useful lens through which to analyse the current strategic challenges of Northeast Asia?

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