



ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS Part IB

Japanese Studies

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.**

- 1 Does the return to power of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in 2012 demonstrate that the LDP is Japan's 'natural party of government'?
- 2 Was the US Occupation of Japan a success or a failure?
- 3 'The triple disasters of 3/11 demonstrate that Japan's government is incapable of crisis management.' Discuss.
- 4 Is it fair to argue that the United States has always prioritised security and stability over democracy in its relations with the Republic of Korea?
- 5 What are the differences and similarities in the 'developmental state' model in Japan and South Korea?
- 6 To what extent does the emergence of 'Ishin no kai' signal the resurgence of local government in Japan?
- 7 Does the rise to power of Kim Jong-un confirm or undermine Patrick MacEachern's 'post-totalitarian' model of North Korean politics?
- 8 How useful is either 'identity' or 'protest' politics in explaining political change in post-war Japan?
- 9 Does the response of the Abe administration to the rise of China suggest that Japan is finally becoming a 'normal nation'?
- 10 What role does family inheritance play in influencing the concentration of power (whether political or economic) in Japan and the two Koreas?

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