J.10 JAPANESE POLITICS

Answer THREE questions. All questions are of equal value.

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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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