

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS Part IB

Japanese Studies

Monday 4 June 2012 13.30 – 16.30

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

**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 In what sense might it be fair to view the post-1945 US Occupation of Japan as a model of successful nation-building?
- 2 To what extent has Japan's post-1945 foreign policy been shaped by strategic choices rather than by bureaucratic and political inertia?
- 3 'The failure of the post-Koizumi conservative generation of Liberal Democratic Prime Ministers was a consequence of ideology eclipsing pragmatism.' Discuss.
- 4 What, if anything, distinguishes the Democratic Party of Japan from the Liberal Democratic Party?
- 5 Is it reasonable to argue that democratization succeeded in South Korea **in spite of**, rather than **because of**, US support?
- 6 What are the similarities and differences between the developmental state experiences of economic growth in South Korea and Japan?
- 7 Does local politics matter? Discuss with reference to **either** Japan **or** South Korea **or both**.
- 8 To what extent might it be argued that culture and national identity in East Asia are the product of top-down intervention and are neither organic nor spontaneously self-generated?
- 9 Is there a regional solution to the North Korean nuclear crisis?
- 10 How successfully does the law protect human rights in Northeast Asia, whether in Korea or Japan? Discuss with reference to **either** Japan **or** South Korea.

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