J.10  JAPANESE POLITICS

Answer THREE questions. All questions are of equal value.

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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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