

Wednesday 8 June 2011

09.00 – 12.00

J.10 JAPANESE POLITICS

Answer **THREE** questions

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 How transformative was the post-World War II occupation of Japan? Who were the key figures behind change and what were their motives for effecting change?
- 2 'South Korea's authoritarian post-war political system is largely the result of external intervention.' Discuss.
- 3 In what sense might it be reasonable to argue that the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) has replaced the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) as the 'natural party' of government in Japan?
- 4 What were the core features of the 'developmental state model' and how applicable is the model in explaining **both** the successes **and** failures of East Asian economies?
- 5 What role do culture and national identity have in explaining political change in post-war Japan and Korea?
- 6 'Protest has been the main raison d'être of local politics in modern Japan.' Discuss.
- 7 To what extent is it fair to argue that leaders matter more than parties in **both** South Korea **and** Japan?
- 8 Why have Japanese-South Korean relations long been the weakest side of the trilateral relationship between the United States, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) and can this weakness be overcome?
- 9 Is political power concentrated or dispersed in the Japanese polity and how is it manifested?
- 10 'A nuclear North Korea is both an inevitable and now permanent feature of the international relations of East Asia.' Discuss.

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