J.10 JAPANESE POLITICS

Answer THREE questions

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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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