J.4 MODERN JAPANESE HISTORY

Candidates should answer THREE questions, at least ONE from each section.
All questions carry equal weight.

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.
SECTION A

1. If the passport had been introduced in East Asia prior to 1868, how might that have changed the development of the region's history?

2. What drives modern Japanese history? Provide three examples and discuss.

3. What is Japanese imperialism? When did it start and stop?

4. Why are Korea and China important to Japan in the period 1868-1926?

5. Did Taisho Democracy exist and how does the category of gender aid us in explaining what occurred during that era?

6. How was the articulation of a ‘healthy body’ tied to a national agenda in modern Japan? Discuss with examples.

SECTION B

7. What role, if any, did the military play in the Japanese modernization programme up to the present?

8. From the 1950s to the 1970s, what made Japan democratic? What forces worked against this orientation?

9. Why did Japan go to war in 1895, 1904, and 1931? Compare and contrast.

10. What role did the emperor play in modern Japan (1868 to the present)? How has that position been transformed over time?

11. Is it legitimate to characterise Japanese efforts to import and appropriate Western science, technology and medicine during the Meiji era as ‘westernization’?

12. Discuss issues Japan faced during the 1940s-1950s by linking at least three of the following terms: atomic bombs, cold war, memory, suffering and victimisation.

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