



AET1 Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB  
HST2 Historical Tripos, Part II

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Friday 03 June 2016 09.00 to 12.00

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**Paper J6 (AET1) and Paper 18 (HST2)**

**Japanese history**

Answer **three** questions, including at least **one** from **each** section.  
All questions carry **equal** marks.

Write your number **not** your name on the cover sheet of **each** answer booklet.

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

20 page answer booklet  
Rough Work Pad

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION**

None

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

## **Section A**

- 1) What were three fundamental changes that took place in Japanese society between the Tokugawa Era and the Meiji Era? Did Japan turn modern, or did vestiges of traditional society remain?
- 2) What exactly was the Meiji Restoration and how did it create military and political transformations that would affect Japan all the way until 1945?
- 3) Discuss Taisho Democracy and how this era then influenced Japan in the immediate postwar.
- 4) If Japanese leaders wanted to steer Asia toward modernity, why did they invade China? Choose three reasons and elucidate.
- 5) How should we define World War Two from a Japanese viewpoint?
- 6) Compare and contrast colonial rule in Korea, Taiwan and Manchuria.

## **Section B**

- 7) Discuss the following statement: 'The Allied occupation of Japan was a success'.
- 8) Do the Japanese people have a memory problem *vis-à-vis* World War II?
- 9) When does the 'Postwar' end in Japan? Explain in detail.
- 10) Discuss the notion of 'change' between prewar Showa and postwar Showa in Japan.
- 11) Discuss the evolution of the role of science in Japan in the 20th century.
- 12) Is Japan a 'good neighbour'? Discuss Japanese postwar relations in East Asia.

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