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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