



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

Wednesday 3 June 2015 9 to 12.00 pm

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. To what degree did the Meiji Restoration and its aftermath mark continuities and discontinuities from Tokugawa Japan?
2. When does Japanese imperialism begin, what forms does it take and when does it end? Be specific with periodization.
3. Discuss the significance of the Russo-Japanese War within a global, regional (East Asian), and domestic Japanese context.
4. What is Japan's fifteen-year war and what drove Japan into this war? Identify key causal factors within the political, economic, cultural and ideological spheres.
5. Why is the Taisho era labelled as the dawn of democracy for Japan yet witness to so many acts of political and military violence? What is at stake in the struggles from the 1920s to the early 1930s?
6. Explain the structure of the Allied Occupation of Japan. In what sense was the reconstruction of defeated Japan successful or unsuccessful? What were the limits and accomplishments of occupation reforms?

SECTION B

7. When is the end of World War Two and what influenced Japan's decision to surrender?
8. What is meant by the 'lost decades' in reference to Japan and how does such an idea relate to the postwar and Japan's efforts to reform?
9. Analyse the legacies of the Japanese empire. How did the end of empire change or not change Japan's relations with Korea, Taiwan, and China? How do memories of the Japanese empire condition Japan's relationships with others in the region?
10. What led to Japan's postwar economic miracle? Highlight the necessary conditions and describe the milestones.

11. What is meant by 'victor's justice' when talking about the Tokyo War Crimes Trial? Did war crimes trials bring closure to Japan's empire? Why or why not?
12. What are three key elements that form the basis of post-war Japanese nationalism?

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