J.6 JAPANESE HISTORY

Answer THREE questions, including at least ONE from EACH section. All questions are of equal value.

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
none

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.
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**SECTION A**

(1) To what extent is ‘social class’ a useful category of historical analysis for the study of Tokugawa Japan?

(2) Did Meiji Japan succeed in demonstrating that it was becoming a modern power?

(3) To what extent did the rise of militarism in Japan from the late 1920s onwards mean that the war with China was inevitable?

(4) What were some of the changes, challenges, and conflicts experienced by Japanese society that threatened the unity of the Japanese population during the interwar years?

**SECTION B**

(5) How has the position and role of women in Japan changed in the twentieth century?

(6) What are three key moments in the twentieth century that shaped Japan’s quest towards modernity?

(7) What impact, if any, did Japanese imperialism have on East and Southeast Asian countries?

(8) How and with what immediate consequences did the Japanese empire end?

(9) How did Japan develop into an economic superpower following the Second World War, and what factors led to its decline?

(10) Why and when was the U.S.-Japan security alliance subject to challenge?

(11) Is it possible to understand contemporary Japanese society without attention to its imperial past?

(12) What challenges does Japan face in the context of a rising China in the twenty-first century?
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