

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS, PART 1B

Japanese Studies

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Friday 30 May 2014 13.30 – 16.30

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**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?

**END OF PAPER**