

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS Part IB

Japanese Studies

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.**

SECTION A

- 1 Given the high level of technology in the Edo period, do you think that Japan could have achieved industrialisation on its own, if it had not given up its isolationist policies in the 1850s?
- 2 Explain the causes of the Meiji Restoration.
- 3 How did the Meiji reforms affect different groups in society? Who were the winners, who were the losers of the reforms?
- 4 How did the Meiji state define family and gender roles, and how were these definitions informed by both indigenous and Western ideals?
- 5 Fukuzawa Yukichi argued in the Meiji period that 'Japan should leave Asia'. Did Japan 'leave Asia'?
- 6 What effects did the Unequal Treaties have on modern Japan's political and economic development?

SECTION B

- 7 Japan's industrial ascendancy was fuelled by an inherent work ethic of diligence and commitment to the company.' Discuss.
- 8 Explain the socio-economic reasons for the rise of militarism in Japan prior to World War Two.
- 9 'Taishō *demokurashii* was a failure, because after only one decade and a half government was taken over by militarist forces.' Discuss.
- 10 The Occupation of Japan has been called the 'second opening of Japan'. Discuss.
- 11 Would it make sense to use the Occupation of Japan as a model for present-day 'nation-building'?
- 12 Explain the causes of Japan's 'economic miracle' in the postwar period.

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