J.6 JAPANESE HISTORY

Answer THREE questions, including at least ONE from EACH section

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STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
20 Page Answer Book x 1
Rough Work Pad

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. What did it mean for Bakumatsu Japan to conduct its foreign policy in a China-centered world? Provide examples and discuss.

2. What specific changes – social, political, economic – did Japan experience from 1850-1870 that constitute the Meiji Restoration?

3. On what is Japanese modernism based? How did such notions tie into the development of imperialism and why?

4. Assess Japanese involvement in Taiwan and Korea in the Meiji and Taishō eras. This may include a comparison of daily life in Japan and its colonies from the end of the 19th to the early 20th centuries.

5. ‘Taisho was an era during which Japanese democracy grew.’ Discuss.

6. Describe the evolution of Japanese imperialism and its political, economic and social underpinnings.

SECTION B

7. Discuss the reasons (internal and external) for Japan’s war in East Asia and then in the Pacific from 1931-1945.

8. Was Japan’s imperial expansion popular or not?

9. Explain the causes of Japan’s surrender, and how the Occupation evolved.

10. If Japan was soundly defeated in 1945, how did it manage to become an economic powerhouse by the early 1970s? Be sure to include international and domestic factors in your answer.

11. What is Japan’s postwar role and how did its international position change between 1960 and 1980?

12. What are the current issues that Japan faces in the 21st century and how are these still connected to prewar and wartime legacies?

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