

Tuesday 7 June 2011

13.30 – 16.30

J.6 JAPANESE HISTORY

Answer **THREE** questions, including at least **ONE** from **EACH** section

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

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 Explain what was meant by the ideal of 'Western Science and Technology, Eastern Morality'. Looking back at modern Japanese history, how do you evaluate this ideal?
- 2 Why was the *Kojiki* important for modern Japanese history?
- 3 Explain how, in modern Japanese history, science was involved in power relations (such as in Hokkaido, colonialism, and war).
- 4 The philosopher Fukuzawa Yukichi argued in the Meiji period that 'Japan should leave Asia'. Did Japan 'leave Asia'?
- 5 Some Japanese argued at the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal that the course towards the war started in 1853 with the arrival of Perry's naval squadron, and that therefore ultimate responsibility for the war lay with America. What do you think of this argument?
- 6 The Tokugawa political system was mostly stable for 250 years, but eventually collapsed. How would you evaluate the Tokugawa political system?

SECTION B

- 7 What is the nature of Japanese imperialism and its impact on Japan as well as on Japan's relations with the rest of East Asia?
- 8 Identify one pre-war and one post-war personage in modern Japanese history who had significant influence over the evolution of the nation. Be specific in supporting your case.
- 9 What were the three main elements that propelled Japan into its fifteen-year war and how did these factors also cause the dissolution of Japan's empire?
- 10 What were the biggest changes from pre- to post-war Japan in terms of **EITHER** politics and society **OR** economy and foreign policy?
- 11 What issues are at the root of post-war Japanese nationalism and national identity?
- 12 How has the manner in which Japan surrendered affected its history during the entire post-war period from 1945 to the present?

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