J.7 MODERN JAPAN, 1

Answer three questions. All questions are of equal value.

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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.
1 In recent years, more and more Japanese people are marrying late or not at all. Discuss the reasons for this phenomenon and the impact this has on the society as a whole.

2 What does frūā mean? Discuss the phenomenon in the context of the ‘educationally credentialized society’ (meritocracy, gakureki shakai) and the seniority principle.

3 How have Japanese notions of motherhood changed over time and how are these notions (re)inforced and (re)created today in everyday reality?

4 How do you assess current Japanese anthropological debates concerning masculinity and models of identification for men?

5 Discuss some of the ways in which children learn to become mature members of Japanese society.

6 It has been claimed in recent years that there seems to be an unprecedented increase in deviant behaviour among young people in Japan. Characterize and evaluate debates about the issue.

7 Discuss differences and similarities in the ie and postwar nuclear family (kaku kazoku) in view of the various functions of a family.

8 Discuss what notions of time and diligence can be assessed through the study of Japanese sleeping behaviour.

9 Explain notions of impurity/purity and hygiene and their relevance in contemporary Japanese society.

10 Discuss the concept of ‘invention of traditions’, based on ethnographic examples from Japan.

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