

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS Part IB

Japanese Studies

Wednesday 6 June 2012 13.30 – 16.30

J.9 JAPANESE SOCIETY

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

**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 Elaborate how anthropological concepts help us to understand how the people of Tohoku have coped with their situation in the aftermath of the disaster of 11 March 2011.
- 2 Discuss how those theories on Japanese society and on patterns of social behaviour in Japan that are elaborated in classical studies on Japanese society help or fail to help us understand social phenomena in contemporary Japan. Give examples.

SECTION B

- 3 What are the different functions of a family? Discuss how these functions have changed in Japanese history.
- 4 Discuss notions of masculinity among social minorities in Japan.
- 5 Discuss life choices for Japanese women in the 21st century.
- 6 What is delinquency, what is social deviance? Discuss the difference and elaborate on one of these categories in Japanese youth.
- 7 Elaborate goals of socialisation in Japan, both at home and at school.
- 8 What does the sleep behaviour of the Japanese tell us about their work ethic and notions of time.
- 9 What Japanese legislation on equal treatment and anti-discrimination do you know? Elaborate the impact and limitations of these laws.
- 10 Discuss notions of motherhood and of fatherhood in Japan and what consequences they have for 'good parenting'.

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