



AET2

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II

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**This is a three hour examination**

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### **Paper C18**

#### **China in a Global WWII**

*Candidates should answer **three** questions. All questions carry **equal** marks.*

*The word limit for each essay is 1200 words.*

*Write your number **not** your name as well as the paper code (C18) on each page of your submission.*

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION**

*Student declaration form*

#### **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

*Type your answers and upload them in a document, such as a Word document or PDF.*

*Files should be saved as C18\_[your number].*

*Upload a completed student declaration form as a separate file.*

#### **RESOURCES PERMITTED FOR THIS EXAMINATION**

**You are not allowed to use any resources other than your memory.**

**The exam will begin as soon as you open the file containing the questions. Once begun you will have three hours to complete the exam.**

1. How important was the 1936 Xi'an Incident in triggering the War of Resistance against Japan?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using the concept of the Second World War in analysing China's War of Resistance?
3. Could Japan have prevailed over China during the Second World War? Explain your answer.
4. Discuss the evolution of Nationalist and Japanese military strategies from 1937 to 1941.
5. What can we learn about everyday responses to war from Zhang Ailing's *Love in a Fallen City*?
6. In what ways was Mao Zedong a Clausewitzian in his approach to war?
7. What were the consequences of the decision of the People's Republic of China to intervene in the Korean War?
8. How significant was the 1943 Cairo Conference of the Allies in shaping post-war East Asia? Explain your answer.
9. 'Only in 1948 did it become clear that the Nationalists would lose the Civil War.' Discuss.
10. Why did the People's Republic of China create a national day to commemorate China's victory in the War of Resistance against Japan only in 2015?

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