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Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II

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## **Paper EAS2**

### **The East Asian Region**

Answer **three** questions. All questions carry **equal** marks.

Write your number **not** your name on the cover sheet of **each** answer booklet.

### **STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

*20 page answer booklet*

*Rough Work Pad*

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

*None*

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

1. 'Imperialist' or 'defender of liberty and benign globalist' – which characterisation better describes the United States during the Cold War?
2. Looked at from the vantage point of the main protagonists – China, the two Koreas and the United States – in what way was the Korean War as much a domestic as an international conflict?
3. In what sense is it fair to describe the Indochina Wars as a tragedy from the perspective of all the protagonists?
4. Discuss the rise of China since the 1960s and explain the trajectory it has followed.
5. Chart the postwar evolution of Sino-Japanese relations and explain the current friction caused by areas other than animosity over historical interpretations.
6. Is post-1945 Japan a source of stability or instability for the East Asian region? Provide at least three examples to explore in your answer.
7. Over the post-1945 period it has gradually become more common to describe the interaction between the US and Japan as an 'alliance' (同盟) rather than a 'relationship' (關係). Why has this shift occurred and are there any particular historical turning points that illustrate this change? Which description best reflects the current interaction between the two countries?
8. What would it mean to solve the North Korean crisis and is Donald Trump uniquely suited to this role?
9. Discuss the main categories of war crimes in East Asia. What impact did they have on the evolution of the Cold War, if any? And what influence do they have on the current political climate?
10. What did the end of the Japanese empire mean for the start of the Cold War? Explain the processes at work and detail your answer using three major examples.

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