

AET1

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

Easter 2021

Paper J10

Japanese politics

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

The **word limit** for each question is **1500** words.

Write your number **not** your name as well as the paper code (J10) on each page of your submission.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

Student declaration form

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Answers may be written by hand in **black ink** or typed.

If written by hand, upload your answers as a scan or image file.

If typed, upload them in a document, such as a Word document or PDF.

Files should be saved as J10_[your number].

Upload a completed student declaration form as a separate file.

RESOURCES PERMITTED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

Your exam answers must be entirely your own new and original work, with any quotations clearly marked as such. You may use your own notes and any primary or secondary sources in preparing your answers if you wish to do so.

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

1. Is it fair to argue that Japan has 'dodged the populist bullet'?
2. Given that Japan is a unitary state, does local politics matter in Japan?
3. Is Japan's legal system a failure?
4. Does the selection of Suga as Prime Minister after Abe demonstrate that the Japanese political system is fundamentally unrepresentative and flawed? What are Suga's prospects as leader and who might come after him?
5. To what extent is contemporary South Korean politics a prisoner of the past?
6. In what respect does the 'developmental state' thesis best explain Japan's post 1945 economic experience?
7. When in the past have Opposition Parties in Japan succeeded and why are they arguably failing today?
8. 'The US occupation of Japan neither "democratized nor demilitarized" Japan'. Discuss
9. Is it fair to argue that the Japanese state, when it comes to foreign policy, can neither afford to nor wishes to remain a "reluctant realist"?
10. What would it mean to "solve" the North Korean nuclear crisis and which actors are best placed to deliver a solution?

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