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# AS Level History A

Y247 Japan 1853–1937

**Wednesday 25 May 2016 – Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

**SECTION A**

Answer **ONE** question.

- 1\*** Assess the impact of foreign intrusion on Tokugawa Japan from 1853 to 1868. **[30]**
- 2\*** 'The most important reason for Japanese overseas expansion from 1868 to 1920 was the need to develop trade links.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

- 3 Read the interpretation and then answer the question that follows:

‘With powerful policies and philosophies guiding them, Meiji reformers reinvented Japan in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.’

Brett L. Walker *A Concise History of Japan*, 2015

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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