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# AS Level History A

Y247/01 Japan 1853–1937

**Tuesday 23 May 2017 – Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

## 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.

**EITHER**

- 1\*** To what extent was opposition to the Shogunate influenced by foreign intervention in Japan in the period from 1853 to 1868? **[30]**

**OR**

- 2\*** 'The Manchuria incident of 1931 was the key factor that determined the course of nationalism in Japan in the period from 1920 to 1937.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

'Revolutionary violence, for Ikki Kita, was not so much political as religious, the act of personal, spiritual liberation.'

Ian Buruma, *Inventing Japan 1853–1964* (2004)

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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