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A Level History A

Y217/01 Japan 1853–1937

Time allowed: 1 hour



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Choose **one** question and answer **all** the parts of that question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **2** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1 **OR** all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following contributed more to the instability of Japan between 1853 and 1868?

- (i) Social tensions
- (ii) The unequal treaties

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

[10]

(b)* How important was the Sino-Japanese war in the expansion of Japan to 1920? [20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following had the greater role in the growth of nationalism between 1920 and 1937?

- (i) The accession of Hirohito
- (ii) The Manchuria incident

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

[10]

(b)* How far was the emergence of Japan as a major power in the years from 1868 to 1912, the result of economic factors? [20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER



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