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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 **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

1

(a) Which of the following had the greater impact on changes in Japan during the period from 1868 to 1912?

(i) Ending of the power of the Samurai

(ii) Industrial growth

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

[10]

(b)* Assess the reasons for the growth of opposition to the Shogunate.

[20]

2

(a) Which of the following was more significant in Japanese foreign relations before 1914?

(i) Relations with Russia

(ii) Relations with the USA

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

[10]

(b)* How important was the development of militarism in the growth of nationalism in Japan during the period from 1920 to 1937?

[20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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