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Unit **AST102 Asian Centuries**

Exam Type : Theory

Reading time : 10 minutes (Note taking allowed onto Exam Paper ONLY)

Exam Duration : 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer four of the following questions, choosing two questions from each section.

All questions are worth equal marks.

We suggest you reserve 25 minutes for each question, leaving 20 minutes for revision and proof reading.

EXAMINATION AIDS ALLOWED

CLOSED BOOK EXAM

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ANSWER BOOKLET

Provided by the Candidate

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AST 102 ASIAN CENTURIES

Examination: Semester 1, 2015

This examination constitutes 40% of the total assessment for this unit. Answer four of the following questions, choosing two questions from each section. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet provided and indicate the Section and Number beside each question you answer. All questions carry equal marks. You are advised to reserve 25 minutes for each question, leaving 20 minutes for revision and proofreading.

SECTION ONE

Answer two questions from this Section.

1. Taking the example of Shinto, analyse the strategies pursued by governments in Japan to influence the practice of religion.
2. With reference to at least one Indianised empire in Southeast Asia, describe the main characteristics in terms of religion, political systems and economic base, and analyse how these were linked.
3. With reference to Edward Said's concept of 'Orientalism', analyse the ways in which the image of Asia has been constructed in Western scholarship.
4. Compare and contrast the development, and principles, of Confucianism as manifest in at least two of the following countries: China, Japan, and Vietnam.
5. Compare and contrast the way Islam, Theravada Buddhism and Catholicism spread into Southeast Asia.

SECTION TWO

Answer two questions from this Section.

1. With reference to at least two European colonial powers, analyse the similarities and differences in the way they established and maintained their colonial interests in Asia.
2. What was the internal effect in Japan of the arrival of the Western powers and what was the impact of the 'unequal treaties' upon Japanese politics and diplomacy?
3. Analyse the social impact of westernisation in Meiji Japan.
4. With reference to at least two Asian societies, explain whether nationalism developed differently in different colonial systems, and provide supporting evidence of why this was the case.
5. With reference to at least one Southeast Asian society, analyse the impact of the Japanese occupation upon the local population. Explain particularly the extent to which the occupation may have determined any relevant independence movements.

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