

OCR

Oxford Cambridge and RSA

A Level History A

Unit Y217

Japan 1853–1937

Sample Question Paper

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour



OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet

Other materials required:

- None



First name										
Last name										
Centre number						Candidate number				

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and Answer all parts of the question.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- 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.

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1, or all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the modernisation of Japan between 1868 and 1912?

- (i) The introduction of conscription in 1872
- (ii) The constitution of 1889

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

[10]

1 (b)* Assess the reasons why nationalism grew in Japan between 1920 and 1937.

[20]

OR

2 (a) Which had the greater impact on the relations between Japan and the West in the years 1868 to 1920?

- (i) The Sino-Japanese War from 1894 to 1895
- (ii) The Russo-Japanese War from 1904 to 1905

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

[10]

2 (b)* 'Military developments were the most significant of the changes in the Meiji era 1868–1912.' How far do you agree?

[20]

BLANK PAGE

SPECIMEN

BLANK PAGE

SPECIMEN

Copyright Information:

OCR is committed to seeking permission to reproduce all third-party content that it uses in the assessment materials. OCR has attempted to identify and contact all copyright holders whose work is used in this paper. To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced in the OCR Copyright Acknowledgements booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download from our public website (www.ocr.org.uk) after the live examination series.

If OCR has unwittingly failed to correctly acknowledge or clear any third-party content in this assessment material, OCR will be happy to correct its mistake at the earliest possible opportunity.

For queries or further information please contact the Copyright Team, First Floor, 9 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1GE.

OCR is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group; Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is itself a department of the University of Cambridge.