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International Politics of East Asia

Monday, 15 May 2006 : 10.00am to 1.00pm

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **TWELVE** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. 'Both Northeast and Southeast Asia are regions of instability.' Discuss.
2. Do you agree that US influence in East Asia has been exaggerated?
3. Is it possible to understand the conflict across the Taiwan Strait without reference to identity politics?
4. 'Japan does not have an autonomous Asia policy.' Discuss
5. Discuss the evolving role of **either** Russia **or** India in the international politics of East Asia.
6. 'Nationalism is at the heart of problems in Sino-Japanese relations.' Discuss
7. Is Southeast Asia the 'second front' in the war against terror?
8. Assess ASEAN's contribution to regional security in the post-Cold War period.
9. Assess the significance of China's embrace of multilateralism in East Asia.
10. Has the vision of an Asia Pacific Economic Community disappeared with the Asian financial crisis?
11. Do you agree that the ASEAN Regional Forum is irrelevant?
12. Is North Korea responsible for the continued crisis on the Korean Peninsula?

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