POLI/INTL 355, Review 2, Spring 2021

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This will be a take home exam.

Basic Requirements

* April 6-9: This will be a take home exam. I will place the exam in the Files folder of Canvas after class on April 6. It will be due back to me (emailed) by midnight on April 9 (as April 9 becomes April 10).
* Type or write the exam.
* Either way, email me a file or pdf or even jpeg of the written answers by the deadline
* 11- or 12-point font
* One-inch margins
* Double-spaced
* Please use your name is the name of the file you send me.  I’d be happiest if you named the file like this: Your name Exam 2 POLI or INTL 355 (so if it was my exam, it would be Newmann Exam 2 POLI 355)
* The exam is open notes (so you can use your notes, the assigned books, the review sheet, and the PPT slides)
* I do not expect any outside research on this at all
* Each question has a specific page number target.  You can go over the limit, not a problem, but don’t go too far over the limit. You don’t need to.
* I think **three hours** will be enough time for you to write the exam and do well. You can take more time of course, as much as you need. The point here is that I don't think you need to spend hours and hours.
* It might be helpful to read the questions, then review your notes, and the review sheet.  Maybe make an outline of the essay. And then start to write.
* As always, the review sheets should be very helpful. You can use the review sheets while you take the exam. It might be a good organizational tool.
* The PPT slides are also useful. They are my way of organizing the material, and they can serve that purpose for you too.
* Feel free to email me questions if you have them, but as usual, there are limits to how I can help you

The exam has two parts:

* Part 1: Short Answers: Choose 2 of 8: (*20 points each; roughly one half of a page*): Define the term and tell me why it’s important in the context of Japanese politics.
* Part 2: Essay: Choose 1 of 2: (*60 points; roughly 3-4 pages).* Each essay has several parts to it. Make sure to do all parts of the essay. There are choices even within the essay, so make sure you read the directions. A part of an essay may say “choose 3 of 5.” Don’t do all five.

**And, important**:

* Sharing this exam with anyone outside the class is a violation of the **VCU** **Honor Code**
* Working with another student in the class or anyone else while you take this exam is a violation of the **VCU Honor Code**
* As with any take home, the **plagiarism rules** that exist for research papers apply here. Your exams must be your written work. I will run this through the standard plagiarism programs as I do with all research papers.

**List of Terms**

Is Japan changing?

Can Japan change?

*Themes in Japanese political culture*:

1. Homogeneity

\*unity

exceptions:

\*Koreans in Japan

burakumin

\*status of women

2. \*uniqueness

3. \*isolation

4. \*borrowing

5. \*geography

\*relationship of geography to Japanese independence (never experiencing colonialism)

6. \*communitarian

rice growing and community

7. adaptability/organizational ability

8. \*emperor

9. \*power behind the scenes

lack of confrontation

*Political History*:

1. Growth of Feudal Japan

centralization of government

Feudal Japan

\*Shogun

\*Samurai culture--loyalty, self-sacrifice

\*Tokugawa family unifies Japan

2. Tokugawa era:

\*unification/centralization of power

\*isolation

3. Meiji Restoration

Birth of modern Japan

\*A restoration and revolution

\*1853: Commodore Perry and US ultimatum

Effect on Tokugawa rule

1868 – overthrow

\*\*Satsuma and Choshu clans

\*Restoration of Emperor

\*Nationalism

\*Meiji era reforms

\*Borrowing -- Iwakura Mission

1889 constitution

\*Industrialization

Military reforms

\*Sino-Japanese War 1894-5

\*Russo-Japanese War 1904-5

4. Nationalism and War:

\*Nationalists vs. Institutionalists

Manchuria - 1931

\*Into the rest of China - 1937

\*Greater East-Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere

\*Rape of Nanjing

\*Hiroshima/Nagasaki

End of WW II

\*Gen. Douglas MacArthur (as Emperor of Japan?)

\*Punishment

\*Demilitarization

\*Article 9

\*1946 Constitution

\*Emperor: Post-war position

Diet

House of Councillors

House of Representatives

Single-member districts (SMD)

Proportional Representation

The magic number

House of Reps power over House of Councilors

Prime Minister

Electing Prime Ministers (know the PPT slides on this)

New PM without election (resignation of PM)

No-Confidence vote

PM dissolving Diet (Know how this differs from a no-confidence vote)

Cabinet

Ministries

\*The power of the bureaucracy and why Japan may be incapable of change

\*Business-Government partnership

\*Yoshida Doctrine

Administrative Guidance

Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) now METI

\*Iron Triangle and how each member plays its part (important)

What each part of the Iron Triangle gets from the other parts

\*The "1955 System"

\*Liberal-Democratic Party

Its platform/ideology

\*LDP Factions

\*Japan Socialist Party/Social Democratic Party of Japan

Its platform/ideology

One and Half Party system/consensus politics

What that looks like in electoral strength in lower house

Why does the LDP dominate? (know all the reasons)

Iron Triangle

LDP factions

\*LDP’s money advantage

\*LDP and rural vote: how the House of Representatives was gerrymandered to favor rural vote

\*Public Works spending

Opposition weakness

Success of Post-War Japanese economy

Consensus Politics/One and a Half Party System

Can this last forever?

**Japan Since 1990**

\*Success of Japanese Economy

“Japan Inc”

As a model

As a “miracle”

\*Collapse of Bubble economy

\*Recession beginning in 1990

1. Heisei Revolution

\*LDP scandals and PM’s resigning (1989-1993) (know the extent of it, not the details of any scandals)

Political debates of the 1990s

Open up the economy

Japan as a “normal” nation (and Article 9)

Electoral reform bill and hopes it would create two-party system

\*1993 No Confidence Motion

1993 election

Fate of LDP in election

Fate of SDPJ in election

\*Not-LDP coalition

Defectors from LDP

Allied with SDPJ

Policies of No-LDP government

\*Collapse of Not-LDP coalition/LDP back in power

Results of Heisei Revolution?

\*Ozawa Ichiro’s role

2. New 1½ Party System

Center-right, not center-left

\*New Frontier Party

\*Democratic Party of Japan

3A. Internal Challenges to LDP

Koizumi Junichiro

Reform of LDP rules for choosing LDP leader

Challenging the LDP from within: Election of Koizumi Junichiro

3B. \*Administrative Reform

\*New powerful Prime Minister

Cabinet Secretariat Changes

Cabinet Office Councils

\*Koizumi’s reform plans

\*breaking the iron triangle

\*Japan Post Office System

\*Opponents of reform

\*LDP anti-reform faction bosses

\*Iron Triangle/Bureaucracy

\*Postal reform bill is defeated

\*Koizumi calls elections 2005

Postal rebels vs. assassins

\*Election results

\*Postal reforms passes

\*A revolution?

Koizumi retires (limits on LDP President’s term)

LDP back to old ways

\*2008-2009 recession

4. Two Party System?

\*Election of 2009

\*DPJ victory

“Flexicons”

DPJ Policies

\*Is it a Two Party system?

DPJ Weakness

\*Great East Japan Earthquake

\*Fukushima Nuclear Plant

\*The damage

\*The Government response

5. Return to LDP Rule

Election of 2012 (Big results; not numbers)

\*Abe Shinzo

Meaning of LDP return to power

Election of 2014

Election of 2017

Fate of DPJ?