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Candidates must not in this paper cover the same ground as in answers to questions in other papers or in an extended essay.

Answer three questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. In what respects was Finland, in the words of Alexander I at the diet of Porvoo, 'raised henceforth to the rank of nations'?
2. Assess the importance of the forest either to the Finnish economy or in the creation of a Finnish national identity.
3. Why was the language question, rather than the relationship of the Grand Duchy with the Russian Empire, the main bone of contention in Finnish public debate during the reign of Alexander II?
4. What were the causes and consequences of parliamentary reform in Finland in 1906?
5. Assess the role of C.G.E.Mannerheim in the history of independent Finland.
6. Why did Finland remain a parliamentary democracy during the interwar years?
7. 'The Swedish-speaking minority has played, and continues to play a role in the political and cultural life of Finland that is far greater than its numbers warrant.' Discuss.

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8. Why has Finland's participation alongside Germany in the war against the Soviet Union between 1941 and 1944 aroused so much controversy?

9. Discuss the view that Urho Kekkonen deserves to be remembered more for presiding over the transformation of Finland into a prosperous, politically and socially stable Scandinavian-style welfare state than for his foreign policy.

10. In what ways might the drive towards 'europeanisation' threaten established notions of Finnish identity?