

Question 3 (6 marks)

Name ONE theory of social change ... Karl Marx

With reference to a country you have studied, evaluate how your chosen theory of social change helps you to understand ONE feature of continuity and ONE feature of change within that country.

Karl Marx's theory of social change is that all change came about due to class struggle. In Japanese society this can be true that with the introduction/emergence of Westernisation came with it a change in the class structure. As more people were able to obtain an education there was a change in classes and the structure thus broke down which in turn changed Japanese society. The Marxist theory here proves to be one theory for social change in Japan. Although there has been a change in the aristocratic class with the Emperor handing over his powers, there has been a continuity of this class. This class has struggled to stay within the structure and has successfully done so (but in the process lost its power).

Karl Marx's theory of class struggle brings about social change is correct however there has to be something to bring about the class struggle, such as more people becoming educated which leads to more jobs which leads to higher incomes being earned.