

Marks

Question 2 (6 marks)

Name a country, and identify ONE feature of that country that demonstrates BOTH continuity and change.

Japan - Women in the workforce

With reference to the country you have named, evaluate how power and authority impact on the feature you have identified.

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Women in Japan have almost always been involved in the workforce for example (even before the Meiji Restoration period) women played a major role in helping to keep the farm (when agriculture was very important in Japan). However, in more recent times Japanese women have become more & more active in the wider workforce. For example, in the 1980's it was stated that ~~at~~ at least 1 in 3 Japanese women over the age of 15 were employed in some sort of paid work. Power & authority have impacted greatly on Japanese women in the workforce because not very many Japanese women hold executive positions & position that hold much power & authority (lawyers, accountants, CEOs etc). It was documented that almost 90% of the Japanese women's workforce mostly consisted of clerical work (secretaries, clerks) and that only a minimum of 10% of the women's working population ~~is~~ consisted of women in jobs with power & authority. It is the power & authority of Japanese men which has stunted or prevented the rise of women in the 'high powered' employment positions in Japan.