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Question 2 (6 marks)

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

Japan and Westernisation

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

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Japan's Government has had a major influence on Japanese life and the slow introduction of Westernisation into their culture. The Government has chosen to disallow immigration into the Country to try and ~~not~~ continue their strong Japanese culture. This has worked to an extent but with major Globalisation going on in the rest of the world Japan is gradually starting to fall behind. Westernisation has had a major impact on Japanese life with many turning away from traditional culture to adopt the western ways. You can see the changes in the way people eat, plenty of fast foods eg McDonald's instead of traditional meals, the clothes they wear, no longer traditional dress but the same as the rest of the world. Of course many Japanese chose to follow traditional culture, such as marrying early and having families but more and more are choosing to further education (esp women) so that their lives and futures can keep up with the constantly changing world around them. Power and Authority can't do much to stop Westernisation. But they can put a hold on it by keeping Western Society at bay by disallowing immigration.