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Politics

Advanced

PAPER 3: Comparative Politics – USA

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections and you must answer **four** questions:
 - in Section A answer **either** Question 1(a) **or** 1(b)
 - in Section B answer Question 2
 - in Section C answer **two** questions from **either** 3(a), 3(b) **or** 3(c).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 - *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 - *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- Good luck with your examination.

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SECTION A

Answer ONE question from EITHER Question 1(a) OR Question 1(b).

EITHER

- 1** (a) Examine the different natures of the US and UK Constitutions. (12)

OR

- (b) Examine the features of the US and UK Supreme Courts designed to ensure independence from political influence. (12)

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 12 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer Question 2.

2 Analyse how the US Senate has greater power than the UK House of Lords.

In your answer you must consider the relevance of at least one comparative theory.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 12 MARKS



SECTION C

Answer TWO questions from 3(a) OR 3(b) OR 3(c).

In your answer you should make connections between relevant areas of politics studied from Government and Politics of the USA.

EITHER

- 3** (a) Evaluate the view that the main factors affecting voting behaviour in Congress are the divisions within and between the political parties.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

AND/OR

- (b) Evaluate the view that the growth in presidential power has led to a corresponding decline in federalism.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

AND/OR

- (c) Evaluate the view that affirmative action has been more significant than minority participation in Congress in promoting racial equality.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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Indicate first question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen question number: **Question 3(a)** **Question 3(b)** **Question 3(c)**

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 60 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 84 MARKS



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