



COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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Paper 2 Parties and Ideas (UK and/or USA)

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Paper/Booklet

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **two** short questions and **one** long question chosen all from Section A **or** all from Section B **or two** short essays from one section and **one** long essay from the other Section.

You are advised to spend 20 minutes on each short essay and 45 minutes on the long essay.

Every short essay is marked out of 25 and every full essay is marked out of 50.



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Section A: Parties and Ideas in the UK**Short Essays**

- 1 Explain what is meant by parliamentary democracy. [25]
- 2 Explain what the rights and duties of a citizen are. [25]
- 3 Explain what is meant by multiculturalism. [25]

Full Essays

- 4 'Tony Blair's legacy to the Labour party will be largely negative and divisive.' Assess this view. [50]
- 5 'Political parties are out of touch and irrelevant to today's society.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 6 'Conservatism represents a popular and relevant political ideology in contemporary Britain.' How far do you agree? [50]

Section B: Parties and Ideas in the US**Short Essays**

- 7 Explain what is meant by Libertarian. [25]
- 8 Explain the role of political lobbyists. [25]
- 9 Explain why trade unions are weak in the USA. [25]

Full Essays

- 10 'Interest groups in the USA damage rather than enhance democracy.' Assess this view. [50]
- 11 'The Democratic Party is most successful when it adopts a distinctive liberal democratic platform.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 12 'A much criticised but ultimately successful President.' How accurate is this analysis of Ronald Reagan's Presidency? [50]

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