



**SECTION A – Short-answer questions**

**Instructions for Section A**

Answer **four** questions from this section.

Parts **a.**, **b.** and **c.** of each question chosen must be answered.

**Question 1**

**The Australian Constitution**

**a.** What is meant by the term convention in relation to the Australian Constitution?

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2 marks

**b.** Briefly describe three exclusive powers of the Commonwealth Government.

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3 marks



**Question 2**

**Parliament and the Executive**

a. What is meant by the term conscience vote?

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2 marks

b. Briefly describe three roles of the Australian federal cabinet.

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**Question 3**

**Voting and elections**

a. What is meant by the term electoral redistribution?

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2 marks

b. Briefly describe three key differences between the preferential and proportional voting systems as used in Australian federal elections.

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**Question 4**

**Political parties and pressure groups**

a. What is meant by the term faction as applied to a political party?

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2 marks

b. Briefly describe three ways that minor parties contribute to the democratic process.

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**Question 5**

**Australian foreign policy**

a. What is meant by the term regional security?

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b. Briefly describe three ways that Australia meets its obligations as a global citizen.

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3 marks



**SECTION B – Essay questions****Instructions for Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

Begin your answer on page 15 of this question and answer book.

**The Australian Constitution****Question 1**

‘The Australian Constitution gives too much power to the High Court and the Governor General.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

**OR**

**Question 2**

‘The division of powers as set out in the Australian Constitution is the main reason for conflict between Commonwealth and state governments.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

**OR**

**Parliament and the Executive****Question 3**

‘The House of Representatives and the Senate are only a rubber stamp for cabinet decisions.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

**OR**

**Question 4**

‘Backbenchers have little influence in the federal parliament, the electorate and the party room.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

**OR**

**SECTION B – continued**

**Voting and elections****Question 5**

‘The Australian federal electoral system delivers both majority rule and the opportunity for minority interests to be represented.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

**OR**

**Question 6**

‘Leadership and economic performance are the most important factors that influenced the result of a recent (in the last 10 years) federal election.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

**OR**

**Political parties and pressure groups****Question 7**

‘At the federal level, the major differences between the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal Party are in key policies and leadership.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

**OR**

**Question 8**

‘Not all pressure groups have equal access to government.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

**OR**

**Australian foreign policy****Question 9**

‘Foreign policy is formulated by the government, with little influence from public opinion and the opposition.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

**OR**

**Question 10**

‘Australia lacks an independent foreign policy as a consequence of its relationship with the United States.’

To what extent do you agree?

40 marks

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