NATIONAL POLITICS
Written examination

Thursday 9 November 2006
Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)
Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

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• Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
• Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
• No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied
• Question and answer book of 24 pages.
• Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.

Instructions
• Write your student number in the space provided above on this page.
• All written responses must be in English.

Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other unauthorised electronic devices into the examination room.
SECTION A – Short answer questions

Instructions for Section A
Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

Units 3 and 4

Washington to Canberra

Question 1

a. With reference to the United States of America’s system of government, what is meant by the term impeachment?

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b. Explain two key differences between the executive branch of government in Australia and the executive branch of government in the United States of America.

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c. Explain two key differences between the Senate of the United States of America and the Australian Senate.

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Continuity and change

Question 2

a. What is meant by the term universal suffrage?

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b. Describe two changes that have been made to the Australian federal electoral system since Federation.

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c. Discuss two arguments to support the view that the Australian Senate should be abolished.

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People and policy

Question 3

a. What is meant by the term the bureaucracy?

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b. Discuss two factors that can limit the federal government’s power to make domestic policy.

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c. Describe two roles of ministers in the federal domestic policy making process.

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Contemporary foreign policy

Question 4

a. What is meant by the term *global citizenship*?

b. Describe two regional issues that impact on Australian foreign policy.

c. Explain two roles of an Australian Embassy.
SECTION B – Extended response questions

Instructions for Section B
Answer one of the following two questions in the space provided.

Unit 3 – Democracy in the making

Question 1
‘The Australian federal electoral system upholds democratic values to a greater extent than the United States of America’s federal electoral system.’
To what extent do you agree? 20 marks

OR

Question 2
‘The Australian federal political system is in need of change.’
Discuss with reference to one or more of Australia’s key political structures and/or institutions. 20 marks

Working space
Answer either **Question 1** or **Question 2**.
Enter the number of the question you are answering in the box provided.
SECTION C – Extended response questions

Instructions for Section C

Answer one of the following two questions in the space provided.

Unit 4 – The challenge of power

Question 1
‘Public opinion plays a significant role in Australian domestic policy making.’
To what extent do you agree?  

OR

Question 2
‘The key objective of Australian foreign policy is to maintain national security.’
Discuss.

Working space
Answer either Question 1 or Question 2.
Enter the number of the question you are answering in the box provided.
Extra space for responses
A script book is available from the supervisor if you need extra paper to complete your answer. Please ensure you write your **student number** in the space provided on the front cover of the script book. **At the end of the examination, place the script book inside the front cover of this question and answer book.**