



**Victorian Certificate of Education
2006**

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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

Structure of book

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
A	4	4	40
B	2	1	20
C	2	1	20
			Total 80

- 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.

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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**?

2 marks

- 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.

4 marks

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

4 marks

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Continuity and change

Question 2

a. What is meant by the term **universal suffrage**?

2 marks

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

4 marks

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

4 marks

People and policy

Question 3

a. What is meant by the term **the bureaucracy**?

2 marks

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

4 marks

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

4 marks

Contemporary foreign policy

Question 4

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

2 marks

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

4 marks

c. Explain **two** roles of an Australian Embassy.

4 marks

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

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?

20 marks

OR

Question 2

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

Discuss.

20 marks

Working space

