



**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 **separation of powers**?

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2 marks

- b. Describe **two** characteristics of a federal system of government.

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- c. Discuss **two** factors that contribute to the low voter turnout in presidential elections in the United States of America.

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## Continuity and change

### Question 2

a. What is meant by the term **informal vote**?

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b. Describe **two** functions of Australian federal elections.

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c. Discuss **two** ways in which the functions of the House of Representatives fulfil democratic values.

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**People and policy**

**Question 3**

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

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b. Describe **two** ways state governments can influence Australian federal domestic policy making.

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c. Discuss **two** tactics that interest groups can use to influence public opinion.

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### Contemporary foreign policy

#### Question 4

a. What is meant by the term **foreign aid**?

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b. Describe **two** objectives of contemporary Australian foreign policy.

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c. Discuss **two** constraints on the policy-making power of an Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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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**

‘There are fewer constraints on the power of the President of the United States than there are on the Australian Prime Minister.’ To what extent do you agree?

20 marks

**OR****Question 2**

‘Constitutional change in Australia has been difficult to achieve.’ To what extent do you agree?

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**

Describe and analyse aspects of a contemporary federal **domestic** policy that have been subject to public debate.

20 marks

**OR****Question 2**

Evaluate the key challenges facing Australia's relations with its near neighbours.

20 marks

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