NATIONAL POLITICS
Written examination

Thursday 12 November 2009
Reading time: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm (15 minutes)
Writing time: 3.15 pm to 5.15 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
- 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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SECTIONS A – Short answer questions

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

Units 3 and 4
Washington to Canberra

Question 1
With reference to the Australian system of government, what is meant by the term convention?

2 marks

Question 2
Describe two differences between the High Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

4 marks
Question 3
Discuss two ways in which Congress can limit the power of the President of the United States.

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4 marks
Continuity and change

Question 4
What is meant by the term malapportionment?

2 marks

Question 5
Describe two functions of the Australian Electoral Commission.

4 marks

Question 6
Discuss two arguments in support of compulsory voting.

4 marks
People and policy

Question 7
What is meant by the term lobbyist?

2 marks

Question 8
Describe two actions taken by the Opposition in relation to recent federal domestic policy.

4 marks

Question 9
Discuss two international factors that have influenced recent domestic policy making.

4 marks
Contemporary foreign policy

Question 10
What is meant by the term multilateralism?

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2 marks

Question 11
Describe two objectives of Australia’s foreign aid program.

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4 marks

Question 12
Discuss two ways the Prime Minister can influence the formulation of contemporary Australian foreign policy.

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4 marks

Total 40 marks
UNIT 3 – Democracy in the making

Question 1
The Australian and the US political systems have many similarities, but operate differently in practice. Discuss with reference to one or more key political structures and/or institutions in Australia and the USA.

20 marks

OR

Question 2
Australian political institutions fail to uphold the democratic value of accountability. Discuss.

20 marks
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
Minor parties and independents in Australia have little influence on the formulation of domestic policy. Discuss.

20 marks

OR

Question 2
Contemporary Australian foreign policy is formulated to respond equally to external issues and domestic politics. Discuss.

20 marks

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

Clearly number all responses in this space.
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.