NATIONAL POLITICS

Written examination

Thursday 11 November 2010

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 19 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
With reference to the system of government in the USA, what is meant by the term presidential veto?

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2 marks

Question 2
Describe two key differences between the federal electoral systems used in Australia and the USA.

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4 marks
Question 3
Discuss two key similarities between the operation of political party systems in the USA and Australia.

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4 marks
Continuity and change

**Question 4**
What is meant by the term *reserve powers*?

2 marks

**Question 5**
Describe two changes to the Australian Constitution since Federation.

4 marks

**Question 6**
Discuss two key ways in which the Australian Senate fulfils democratic values.

4 marks
People and policy

Question 7
What is meant by the term *parliamentary committee*?

2 marks

Question 8
Describe two key ways in which the bureaucracy influences federal domestic policy.

4 marks

Question 9
Discuss two influences of a recent federal election on domestic policy making.

4 marks
Contemporary foreign policy

Question 10
What is meant by the term refugee?

2 marks

Question 11
Describe two key ways that the Foreign Affairs Minister promotes Australian foreign policy.

4 marks

Question 12
Discuss two key challenges Australia faces in pursuing its trade and economic interests.

4 marks

Total 40 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 political system of the USA is more democratic than the Australian political system.’
To what extent do you agree?

20 marks

OR

Question 2
‘A range of forces resists change to the Australian political system.’
Discuss this statement in relation to one or more key political 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
‘The executive dominates the formulation of domestic policy in Australia.’
To what extent do you agree?

20 marks

OR

Question 2
‘Australia’s foreign policy is largely formulated in response to regional issues.’
To what extent do you agree?

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

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