



# Victorian Certificate of Education 2010

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## STUDENT NUMBER

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# 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

### 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	12	12	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 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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**Question 3**

Discuss **two** key similarities between the operation of political party systems in the USA and Australia.

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## Continuity and change

### Question 4

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

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### Question 5

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

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### Question 6

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

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SECTION A – continued

## People and policy

### Question 7

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

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### Question 8

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

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### Question 9

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

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## Contemporary foreign policy

### Question 10

What is meant by the term **refugee**?

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### Question 11

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

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### Question 12

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

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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











**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















