

**COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**9770/02**

Paper 2 Parties and Ideas (UK and/or USA)

**May/June 2010**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Paper/Booklet

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

This paper contains two sections. Answer **two** short questions and **one** long question chosen all from Section A **or** all from Section B **or** the short essays from one section and the long essay from the other Section.

You are advised to spend 20 minutes on each short essay and 45 minutes on the long essay.

Every short essay is marked out of 25 and every full essay is marked out of 50.

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**Section A: Parties and Ideas in the UK****Short essays**

- 1 Explain what is meant by the 'New Right'. [25]
- 2 Explain the reasons why New Labour emerged. [25]
- 3 Explain the reasons why political parties have declined in popularity. [25]

**Full Essays**

- 4 'The modern Labour Party is Thatcherism in new clothes.' Discuss the validity of this statement. [50]
- 5 'Suspensions of financial malpractice in the funding of party campaigns would disappear altogether if the state became the sole source of finance.' How accurate is this view? [50]
- 6 'The Liberal Democrats remain weak as a force in British politics, yet liberalism has triumphed as an ideology.' How far do you agree with this interpretation? [50]

**Section B: Parties and Ideas in the US****Short essays**

- 7 Explain the term 'invisible primary'. [25]
- 8 Explain the difference between 'split-ticket voting' and 'straight-ticket voting'. [25]
- 9 Explain what 'political action committees' are. [25]

**Full Essays**

- 10 'A discredited and failing ideology.' How accurate is this view of Neo-Conservatism in American politics? [50]
- 11 'Socialism has failed in the USA because it is incompatible with the American dream.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 12 'Public disaffection with the two main political parties is the main reason why there are so many interest groups in the USA.' How far do you agree? [50]

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