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Unit 4: Extended Themes in Political Analysis

Paper 4C: Governing the USA

Thursday 16 June 2011 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

6GP04/4C

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **three** questions chosen from Section A and **one** question chosen from Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- You will be assessed on your ability to organise and present information, ideas, descriptions and arguments clearly and logically, taking into account your use of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer FOUR questions, three from Section A and one from Section B.

Section B starts on page 12.

SECTION A

Answer THREE questions from this section.

1 Assess the constraints on the President's role as Commander-in-Chief.

(Total for Question 1 = 15 marks)

2 Why do only a small percentage of bills introduced into Congress become laws?

(Total for Question 2 = 15 marks)

3 Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the process of amending the Constitution.

(Total for Question 3 = 15 marks)

4 To what extent have Supreme Court Justices reflected the political views of the Presidents who nominated them?

(Total for Question 4 = 15 marks)

5 What are 'executive orders', and how significant are they for presidential power?

(Total for Question 5 = 15 marks)

(Total for Section A = 45 marks)



You should start the answer to your second question choice on page 6



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(Total for Question = 15 marks)



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You should start the answer to your third question choice on page 9



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(Total for Question = 15 marks)



You should start the answer to Section B on page 13



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(Total for Question = 15 marks)

(Total for Section A = 45 marks)



SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

- 6 'The Supreme Court should interpret the Constitution and its amendments by establishing their original meaning when they were adopted.' Discuss.

(Total for Question 6 = 45 marks)

- 7 To what extent is the constitutional system of checks and balances an obstacle to effective government?

(Total for Question 7 = 45 marks)

- 8 'Members of Congress are out of touch with the people who elect them.' Discuss.

(Total for Question 8 = 45 marks)

(Total for Section B = 45 marks)



Put a cross in the box ☒ indicating the question that you have chosen.
If you change your mind, put a line through the box ~~☒~~
and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen Question Number:

Question 6

Question 7

Question 8

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(Total for Section B = 45 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 90 MARKS

