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Contemporary US Government
and Politics**

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SECTION A

Answer the question in this section.

Use the source below and your own knowledge to answer Question 1.

SOURCE FOR QUESTION 1

There has been considerable concern over the extent to which money buys influence in the United States. The need for campaign finance in both presidential and congressional elections and the impact of a recent Supreme Court ruling has meant that pressure groups have been able to establish close ties to the White House and the Congress. The fact is that campaign donations come with ‘strings attached’. This has resulted in an elitist form of government with policies which have served the few rather than the many.

- 1 (a) Outline the types of pressure group to be found in the United States. [10]**
- (b) Evaluate the extent to which pressure groups have contributed to an elitist form of government in the US today. [15]**

SECTION B

Answer THREE questions in this section.

- 2 Discuss the reasons why the Electoral College has not been reformed. [25]**
- 3 Evaluate the success of parties in the performance of their functions. [25]**
- 4 Evaluate the role of the Roberts Court in the defence of rights and liberties. [25]**
- 5 Assess the claim that the US Constitution is flexible. [25]**
- 6 ‘The most important function of Congress is that of executive oversight.’ Discuss. [25]**
- 7 Discuss the view that the president has more control over foreign policy than domestic policy. [25]**
- 8 Evaluate the impact of appointments to the Supreme Court since 2005. [25]**

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