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Thursday 13 June 2019

Morning (Time: 2 hours)

Paper Reference **9PL0/3A**

Politics

Advanced

Paper 3: Comparative Politics – USA

You do not need any other materials (including calculators, which are not permitted).

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.
- There are **three** sections and you must answer **four** questions:
 - in Section A answer **either** Question 1(a) **or** 1(b)
 - in Section B answer Question 2
 - in Section C answer **two** questions from 3(a), 3(b) **or** 3(c).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 - *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 - *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

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

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SECTION A

Answer ONE question from EITHER Question 1(a) OR Question 1(b).

EITHER

- 1** (a) Examine how interest groups in the USA are more effective at protecting civil rights than pressure groups in the UK. (12)

OR

- (b) Examine how devolution in the UK differs from federalism in the USA. (12)

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(Total for Question 1 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 12 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer Question 2.

- 2** Analyse the different legislative powers of the UK Parliament and the US Congress.

In your answer you must consider the relevance of at least one comparative theory.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 12 MARKS



SECTION C

Answer TWO questions from 3(a) OR 3(b) OR 3(c).

In your answer you should make connections between relevant areas of politics studied from Government and Politics of the USA.

EITHER

- 3** (a) Evaluate the view that US foreign policy is dominated as much by Congress as by the presidency.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

AND/OR

- (b) Evaluate the view that the effective working of the US Constitution depends more on interest groups than the Supreme Court.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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AND/OR

- (c) Evaluate the view that the procedures for electing US presidents and members of Congress are not fit for purpose.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 60 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 84 MARKS





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