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**Thursday 11 June 2020**

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 **either** 3(a), **or** 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 the powers of the US Congress and the UK Parliament are limited in different ways. (12)

**OR**

- (b) Examine the ways in which the roles of the US President and the UK Prime Minister are different. (12)

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 12 MARKS**



**SECTION B**

**Answer Question 2.**

**2** Analyse how united the main political parties are in the USA and the UK.

*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 the presidential power of persuasion is the most significant influence on the policies and ideas of political parties.

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

**(30)**

**AND/OR**

- (b) Evaluate the view that the constitutional system of checks and balances is an obstacle to effective government.

*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 presidential appointments to the Supreme Court ensure it is a political body rather than a judicial one.

*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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