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## Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

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**9PL0/01**

**Politics**

**Advanced**

**PAPER 1: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas**

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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 **two** sections:
  - in Section A answer **either** 1(a) **or** 1(b) and then **either** 2(a) **or** 2(b)
  - in Section B answer **either** 3(a) **or** 3(b).
- 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

### Political Participation

**Answer ONE question from either Question 1(a) on page 2 OR Question 1(b) on page 3 and then answer ONE question from either Question 2(a) OR Question 2(b) on page 10.**

- 1 (a) *Allister Heath discusses the view that parties have now abandoned their traditional Left-wing or Right-wing policies in response to changing voter demands; as voters behave more like consumers, parties become more like shops, adopting a 'pick and mix' approach to policy choices and this leads to political party divisions.*

The choice facing the electorate remains simple: you support the 'Left' or the 'Right': each offering a distinct, consistent view of society with debates surrounding equality remaining central. On many issues there is a 'Left-Right' divide, although a few like the EU and the environment cloud the issue.

But now voters feel empowered as consumers demanding a pick-and-mix approach to politics that they are used to as purchasers. Voters want to simultaneously back rail nationalisation and cut the top rate of income tax – or perhaps slash welfare but spend more on the NHS. The old, Left-Right Westminster world is dead. As Mayor of Tees Valley Ben Houchen says, 'Left and right have no meaning in politics any more, it's simply a matter of getting things done.' This policy fragmentation makes the established parties unstable and internally split: Labour is split between hard-left and liberal-left, having lost some working-class support while new parties try to replace it.

However, many feel that Left-Right ideology is still relevant, with most policy fitting the 'Left-Right' model. The established parties remain united in opposing each other and still dominate Westminster. Although internal party factions quarrel, they still play by the 'Left-Right' rules.

(Source: adapted from Allister Heath 25th January 2017 at <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/01/25/voters-used-netflix-have-no-time-left-right-entering-age-pick/>)

Using the source, evaluate the view that 'pick-and-mix' politics is replacing 'Left-Right' politics and political parties are becoming more internally divided than ever.

In your response you must:

- compare and contrast different opinions in the source
- examine and debate these views in a balanced way
- analyse and evaluate **only** the information presented in the source.

(30)



Do not answer Question 1(b) if you have answered Question 1(a).

OR

- 1 (b) *The source depicts the weaknesses and strengths of first-past-the-post (FPTP) and considers that systems of proportional representation in use in the devolved bodies are a much better alternative.*

First-past-the-post (FPTP) has weathered the test of time and proved it works. It has produced governments with working majorities in 18 of the 20 elections since 1945. It keeps extremism at bay and secures close and productive links between MPs and their constituencies. It is simple and quick in operation and allows the voters to rid themselves of governments which have failed, and enables the political system to break into new political ground as in 1979 and 1997. It delivers accountability and provides the basis for a clear mandate to govern.

Twice (1951 and February 1974) FPTP has made the loser the winner. It remains in use at Westminster because it benefits the Labour and Conservative parties. It is the distorting mirror of British politics. In the devolved bodies, methods of proportional representation (PR) such as the additional-member system (AMS) more faithfully reflect how people vote. PR systems allow the voice of other parties into political debate and government. For example, the single-transferable-vote (STV), as used in Northern Ireland, takes power away from political parties and delivers choice to the voters. The devolved bodies would have failed if FPTP had been used; their success depended on PR being used instead.

Using the source, evaluate the view – **with specific reference to at least one devolved region using an alternative electoral system** – that the case for PR to replace the Westminster FPTP voting system has now been established.

In your response you must:

- compare and contrast different opinions in the source
- examine and debate these views in a balanced way
- analyse and evaluate **only** the information presented in the source.

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**AND EITHER**

- 2 (a) Evaluate the view that it is the media not pressure groups that has the greater influence on governments.

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

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**OR**

- (b) Evaluate the view that neither individual rights nor collective rights in the UK are adequately protected and guaranteed.

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

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 60 MARKS**





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## SECTION B

### CORE POLITICAL IDEAS

Answer ONE question from EITHER Question 3(a) OR Question 3(b).

#### EITHER

- 3 (a) To what extent are conservatives united in their attitude towards the state?

*You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer and consider both sides in a balanced way.*

(24)

#### OR

- (b) To what extent is socialism more disunited than united?

*You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer and consider differing views in a balanced way.*

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