

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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Paper 1 Concepts and Institutions (UK and/or USA)

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Paper/Booklet

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

This paper contains two sections. Answer **two** short questions and **one** long question chosen all from Section A **or** all from Section B **or** the short essays from one section and the long essay from the other Section.

You are advised to spend 20 minutes on each short essay and 45 minutes on the long essay.

Every short essay is marked out of 25 and every full essay is marked out of 50.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.

Section A: UK Concepts and Institutions

Short essays

- 1 Explain the functions of Parliament. [25]
- 2 Explain the sources of the UK constitution. [25]
- 3 Explain the process by which the Prime Minister is appointed. [25]

Full essays

- 4 How far has the creation of a Supreme Court increased judicial independence? [50]
- 5 Evaluate the relationships between central government and devolved institutions in the UK. [50]
- 6 How far have the media and modern communications influenced UK politics and political behaviour? [50]

Section B : US Concepts and Institutions

Short essays

- 7 Explain the process by which the President of the USA is elected. [25]
- 8 Explain the role of the Supreme Court in interpreting the constitution of the USA. [25]
- 9 Explain the functions of Congress. [25]

Full essays

- 10 'Pressure Groups undermine the democratic process in the USA.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 11 Evaluate the role of the Federal Bureaucracy in the US government. [50]
- 12 To what extent have the media and modern communications influenced US politics and political behaviour? [50]

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