

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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Paper 2 Parties and Ideas (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: Parties and Ideas in the UK**Short essays**

- 1 Explain the term 'liberal democracy'. [25]
- 2 Explain the concept of social justice. [25]
- 3 Explain the concept of positive discrimination. [25]

Full essays

- 4 'A divisive and dangerous force.' How far do you agree with this view of nationalism in the United Kingdom? [50]
- 5 How important is the party leader in determining the ideological direction of his/her party? [50]
- 6 'The political media are now part of the entertainment business and so report on politics in ways which entertain.' Discuss. [50]

Section B: Parties and Ideas in the US**Short essays**

- 7 Explain the term 'third party'. [25]
- 8 Explain the term 'libertarian'. [25]
- 9 Explain the term 'lame duck president'. [25]

Full essays

- 10 'Race is still central to US Politics.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 11 'George W Bush's Presidency was a disastrous failure.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 12 'Too much money is spent on the US Presidential election campaign.' Discuss. [50]

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