

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 what is meant by 'parliamentary sovereignty'. [25]
- 2 Explain the role of the Supreme Court in the UK. [25]
- 3 Explain the relationship between Government and Parliament. [25]

Full essays

- 4 To what extent is the size of a pressure group the main factor in determining their success? [50]
- 5 How effective are the electoral systems used in the UK? [50]
- 6 'Prime Ministers have become too powerful.' How far do you agree with this view? [50]

Section B: US Concepts and Institutions**Short essays**

- 7 Explain the role of the Cabinet in the USA. [25]
- 8 Explain the significance of the 'separation of powers' in the USA. [25]
- 9 Explain the functions of the Federal Bureaucracy. [25]

Full essays

- 10 Evaluate the relationship between the President and Congress. [50]
- 11 'The Senate is more important than the House of Representatives.' How far do you agree with this view? [50]
- 12 How important is the Supreme Court in the US system of government? [50]

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