

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.

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DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

This paper contains two sections, Section A and Section B. Answer **two** short essays from the **same** section, **and one** long essay from **either** Section A or B.

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 'partisan dealignment'. [25]
- 2 Explain the key principles of socialism. [25]
- 3 Explain what types of nationalism exist in the UK. [25]

Full essays

- 4 Assess the arguments for and against the state funding of political parties. [50]
- 5 'The most important reason for the emergence of New Labour was the fact that the Labour Party had suffered three successive electoral defeats.' Discuss. [50]
- 6 'Political parties are no longer essential in our representative democracy.' How far do you agree? [50]

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

- 7 Explain the term 'Super-PAC'. [25]
- 8 Explain the term 'affirmative action'. [25]
- 9 Explain the two-party system. [25]

Full essays

- 10 'The USA is not a pluralist democracy.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 11 'The increased importance of money has damaged US politics.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 12 Assess the reasons why US presidential campaigns are so long. [50]

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