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COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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Paper 2 Parties and Ideas (UK and/or USA)

For Examination from 2010

SPECIMEN PAPER

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: Section A and Section B.

Answer two short essays from the same section, and one long essay from either Section A or Section 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.

Section A: Parties and Ideas in the UK

Short essays

- 1 Explain what conservatives mean by the idea of 'organic society'. [25]
- In what different ways has support for 'the collective' been given expression in the Labour Party?
- 3 Explain the functions of political parties in the UK. [25]

Full essays

- 4 How far are the ideas of New Labour and the 'Third Way' true to the principles of social democracy? [50]
- **5** Evaluate the significance of 'modernisers' within the Conservative Party from 1997 and the extent to which they now provide the leading ideas within the Conservative Party. [50]
- 6 To what extent are all three of the UK's main parties now liberal? [50]

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Section B: Parties and Ideas in the US

Short essays

7 Explain the main sources of party funding. [25]

8 Explain the term 'iron triangles'. Why are they important? [25]

9 Explain who the key figures are in providing leadership within a US political party. [25]

Full essays

10 'Full racial equality has now been achieved in the USA.' How far do you agree with this view? [50]

11 To what extent are the neo-conservative ideas of President George W Bush consistent with established Republican principles? [50]

12 Assess the impact of the green movement on the development of ideas within US party politics. [50]

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