

A-Level POLITICS PAPER 2

Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer **all** questions from sections A and B.
- Answer **either** question 5 **or** question 6 from section C.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.
- Do **not** tear out any part of the book. All work must be handed in.
- If you use more than one book, check that you have written the information required on each book.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 77

Section A – US Government, politics and comparative theory

Answer questions 1, 2 and 3

- 1** Explain and analyse three ways in which independent candidates may be significant in US politics.

[9 marks]

- 2** Explain and analyse three ways that the concept of federalism influences US government.

[9 marks]

- 3** Explain and analyse three ways that structural theory could be used to study executive/legislative relations in the UK and US.

[9 marks]

Turn over for the next question

Section B - Extract Question

Read the extract below and answer question 4 that follows.

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Analyse, evaluate and compare the arguments in the above passage for and against the primary and caucus system used to select each party's presidential nominee.

[25 marks]

Turn over for the next question

Section C – Comparative Government and Politics Essay Questions

Answer **either** question 5 **or** question 6

In your answer you should draw on material from across the whole range of your course of study in Politics.

Either

5

The constitutional power of the Prime Minister exceeds the power of the President. Analyse and evaluate this statement.

[25 marks]

Or

6

‘Citizens’ rights are better protected by the judiciary in the USA than in the UK.’ Analyse and evaluate this statement.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS