

A-level POLITICS

Paper 2 Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics

Thursday 6 June 2019

Morning

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. The **Paper Reference** is **7152/2**.
- Answer **all** questions from Section **A** and Section **B**.
- Answer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6 from Section **C**.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work 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

Answer questions 1, 2 and 3.

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Explain and analyse three reasons why the USA might be described as having a two-party system.

[9 marks]

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Explain and analyse three ways in which the Bill of Rights protects civil rights and liberties in the USA.

[9 marks]

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Explain and analyse three ways that structural theory could be used to study the selection of members of the US and UK Supreme Courts.

[9 marks]

Section B – Extract Question

Read the extracts below and answer question 4 that follows.

Electing the US President

In November and December 2016 following the Presidential election there appeared in the New York Times a series of articles debating the Electoral College as the method of selecting the President.

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Extracts adapted from articles written in *The New York Times* in November and December 2016.

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Analyse, evaluate and compare the different arguments in the above extracts regarding the use of the Electoral College as the method of electing the US President.

[25 marks]

Turn over for the next question

Turn over ►

Section C – Comparative Government and Politics Essay Questions

Answer either Question 5 **or** Question 6 from Section C.

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

Either

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'The use of direct democracy in both the USA and UK is attractive in theory, but undesirable in practice.' Analyse and evaluate this statement.

[25 marks]

or

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'Pressure groups are both essential and beneficial to the operation of democracy in the UK and the USA.' Analyse and evaluate this statement.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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