



COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (PRINCIPAL)

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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, glue or correction fluid.

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** 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: UK Concepts and Institutions**Short essays**

- 1 Explain the term 'popular sovereignty'. [25]
- 2 Explain the role of House of Commons Select Committees. [25]
- 3 Explain the features of the Scottish Parliament. [25]

Full essays

- 4 'Prime Minister's Question Time provides the main way in which the executive is scrutinised.' Discuss. [50]
- 5 Assess the relative importance of the various sources of the Constitution. [50]
- 6 'The Prime Minister is the main focus of power in the machinery of government.' How far do you agree with this view? [50]

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

- 7 Explain the advantages of the presidential primary system. [25]
- 8 Explain the term 'logrolling'. [25]
- 9 Explain the functions of Congressional Committees. [25]

Full essays

- 10 To what extent do you agree that being the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces is the main power of the US President? [50]
- 11 'Pressure groups are too influential in US politics.' Assess this view. [50]
- 12 How important are State Governments in the US Federal System? [50]

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