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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Total Marks

Politics
Advanced
PAPER 3: Comparative Politics – USA

Friday 14 June 2024 – Morning

Time: 2 hours

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YOU MUST HAVE

Nil

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Nil

INSTRUCTIONS

There are THREE sections and you must answer FOUR questions:

- in Section A answer EITHER Question 1(a) OR 1(b)**
- in Section B answer Question 2**
- in Section C answer TWO questions from 3(a) OR 3(b) OR 3(c).**

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– there may be more space than you need.**

Calculators are not permitted.

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INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 84.

The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

SECTION A

Answer ONE question from EITHER Question 1(a) OR Question 1(b).

EITHER

- 1 (a) Examine the differences in how rights are protected in the US and the UK.
(12 marks)**

OR

- (b) Examine the similarities in campaign finance and party funding in the US and the UK.
(12 marks)**

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Section A continued.

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

Chosen question number:

Question 1(a) ☐

Question 1(b) ☐

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(Total for Question 1 = 12 marks)

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SECTION B

Answer Question 2.

- 2 Analyse how devolution in the UK differs from federalism in the USA.**

**In your answer you must consider the relevance of at least one comparative theory.
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SECTION C

Answer TWO questions from EITHER 3(a) OR 3(b) OR 3(c).

In your answer you should make connections between relevant areas of politics studied from Government and Politics of the USA.

EITHER

- 3 (a) Evaluate the view that the US Supreme Court is a political body rather than a judicial body.**

**You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.
(30 marks)**

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AND/OR

(b) Evaluate the view that the American voters are the biggest influence on legislation.

**You must consider this view
and the alternative to this view
in a balanced way.
(30 marks)**

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AND/OR

- (c) Evaluate the view that interest groups in the USA have a negative impact on democracy.**

**You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.
(30 marks)**

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Indicate the first question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

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Question 3(a) ☐

Question 3(b) ☐

Question 3(c) ☐

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Question 3(a) ☐

Question 3(b) ☐

Question 3(c) ☐

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TOTAL FOR PAPER = 84 MARKS

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