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Politics

Advanced

PAPER 3: Comparative Politics – USA

You do not need any other materials, including calculators which are not permitted.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- 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.*

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.

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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)

OR

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

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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)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 12 MARKS



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.

(12)

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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)

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.

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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.

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Indicate the second 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 3(a)** ☐ **Question 3(b)** ☐ **Question 3(c)** ☐

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 60 MARKS
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