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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 the powers held by the Supreme Courts in the USA and the UK. (12)

OR

- (b) Examine the similarities in the legislative powers of the US Congress and the UK Parliament. (12)

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(Total for Question 1 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 12 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer Question 2.

2 Analyse how the US and the UK constitutions differ.

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 federalism is in decline in the USA.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

AND/OR

- (b) Evaluate the view that Congress fails to adequately hold the President to account.

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 civil and constitutional rights have been successfully upheld by the US Supreme Court.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 60 MARKS

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