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.
- Answer **three** questions chosen from Section A and **one** question chosen from Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
- You will be assessed on your ability to organise and present information, ideas, descriptions and arguments clearly and logically, taking into account your use of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Answer FOUR questions, THREE from Section A and ONE from Section B.

Section B starts on page 12.

SECTION A

Answer THREE questions from this Section.

1. Why could the Senate be regarded as superior in status and power to the House of Representatives?

   (Total for Question 1 = 15 marks)

2. Assess the limitations on the power of the Supreme Court.

   (Total for Question 2 = 15 marks)

3. Explain the ways in which Cheney and Biden can be seen as powerful vice presidents.

   (Total for Question 3 = 15 marks)

4. Assess the impact on public policy of **three** decisions of the Roberts Court.

   (Total for Question 4 = 15 marks)

5. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the current system for amending the constitution.

   (Total for Question 5 = 15 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 45 MARKS
Indicate your first question choice on this page. You will be asked to indicate your second question choice on page 6.

Put a cross in the box ☑ indicating the first question that you have chosen. 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 ☐  Question 2 ☐  Question 3 ☐  
Question 4 ☐  Question 5 ☐

You should start the answer to your second question choice on page 6.
Indicate your second question choice on this page. You will be asked to indicate your third question choice on page 9.

Put a cross in the box ✗ indicating the second question that you have chosen. 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  ✗  Question 2  ✗  Question 3  ✗  
Question 4  ✗  Question 5  ✗

You should start the answer to your third question choice on page 9.
Indicate your third question choice on this page.

Put a cross in the box ☐ indicating the third question that you have chosen. 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 ☐  Question 2 ☐  Question 3 ☐  Question 4 ☐  Question 5 ☐

You should start the answer to Section B on page 13.
SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this Section.

6 ‘Congress is significantly less effective when different parties control its two chambers.’ Discuss.

(Total for Question 6 = 45 marks)

7 To what extent is ‘the power to persuade’ the president’s most important power?

(Total for Question 7 = 45 marks)

8 ‘The three branches of government have failed to protect constitutional rights in recent years.’ Discuss.

(Total for Question 8 = 45 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 45 MARKS
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 6 ☐  Question 7 ☐  Question 8 ☐