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# Government and Politics

## Advanced

### Unit 4: Extended Themes in Political Analysis

#### Paper 4C: Governing the USA

Thursday 16 June 2016 – Afternoon  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**6GP04/4C**

**You do not need any other materials.**

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.
- 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.

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**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)**

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

**(Total for Question 2 = 15 marks)**

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

**(Total for Question 3 = 15 marks)**

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

**(Total for Question 4 = 15 marks)**

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

**(Total for Question 5 = 15 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 45 MARKS**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 45 MARKS**



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**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)**

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- 7** To what extent is 'the power to persuade' the president's most important power?

**(Total for Question 7 = 45 marks)**

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- 8** 'The three branches of government have failed to protect constitutional rights in recent years.' Discuss.

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 90 MARKS**

