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 does the Cabinet have limited importance within the executive branch?  
   (Total for Question 1 = 15 marks)

2. To what extent has the Roberts Court confirmed the decisions of its predecessors?  
   (Total for Question 2 = 15 marks)

3. How effectively does the Bill of Rights protect liberty in the USA in the 21st century?  
   (Total for Question 3 = 15 marks)

4. Why did Presidents George W. Bush and Obama use their power of veto so sparingly?  
   (Total for Question 4 = 15 marks)

5. To what extent are the ‘folks back home’ the most significant influence on the votes of members of Congress?  
   (Total for Question 5 = 15 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.
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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 To what extent has Congress become the weakest of the three branches of government?

(Total for Question 6 = 45 marks)

7 ‘The USA no longer operates within a constitutional framework of federalism.’ Discuss.

(Total for Question 7 = 45 marks)

8 To what extent is the Supreme Court a political rather than a judicial institution?

(Total for Question 8 = 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 ☑️