



COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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Paper 2 Parties and Ideas (UK and/or USA)

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Paper/Booklet

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

This paper contains two sections. Answer **two** short questions and **one** long question chosen all from Section A **or** all from Section B **or** the short essays from one section and the long essay from the other section.

You are advised to spend 20 minutes on each short essay and 45 minutes on the long essay.

Every short essay is marked out of 25 and every full essay is marked out of 50.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.



Section A: Parties and Ideas in the UK

Short essays

- 1 Explain what Conservatives mean by 'the Big Society'. [25]
- 2 Explain the term 'New Labour'. [25]
- 3 Explain the term 'Orange Book' Liberal. [25]

Long essays

- 4 Assess the role of the Liberal Democrats as a neutralising influence on Conservative policy since the general election of May 2010. [50]
- 5 Assess the role of Gordon Brown in the development of the Labour party. [50]
- 6 'The modern Conservative party owes a great deal to the legacy of Margaret Thatcher.' Discuss. [50]

Section B: Parties and Ideas in the US

Short essays

- 7 Explain the significance of primaries in the US electoral process. [25]
- 8 Explain why socialism is unpopular in the USA. [25]
- 9 Explain the significance of the states' rights doctrine. [25]

Long essays

- 10 'Barack Obama has transformed what it means to be a Democrat.' Discuss. [50]
- 11 'A destructive force in US politics.' Discuss this view of the Tea Party movement. [50]
- 12 'The US is a two party system.' How far do you agree with this view? [50]

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