
COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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Paper 1 Concepts and Institutions (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, glue or correction fluid.

This paper contains two sections, Section A and Section B.

Answer **two** short essays from the **same** section, **and one** long essay from either Section A **or** Section B.

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: UK Concepts and Institutions**Short essays**

- 1 Explain the term devolution. [25]
- 2 Explain the functions of the UK Cabinet. [25]
- 3 Explain the importance of judicial independence. [25]

Full essays

- 4 To what extent has the House of Lords become more important? [50]
- 5 'Britain needs a codified constitution.' Discuss. [50]
- 6 'The first-past-the-post system is the most effective electoral system for use in general elections.' How far do you agree with this view? [50]

Section B: US Concepts and Institutions**Short essays**

- 7 Explain what is meant by federalism. [25]
- 8 Explain the term clientelism. [25]
- 9 Explain the role of the Senate. [25]

Full essays

- 10 'The media has had a detrimental effect upon US politics.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 11 To what extent was the 'separation of powers' the main concern of the founding fathers when framing the US Constitution? [50]
- 12 'Presidents have become too powerful.' How far do you agree with this view? [50]

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