

## A-level POLITICS

Paper 2 Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics

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Thursday 6 June 2019

Morning

Time allowed: 2 hours

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **7152/2**.
- Answer **all** questions from Section **A** and Section **B**.
- Answer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6 from Section **C**.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Do **not** tear out any part of the book. All work must be handed in.
- If you use more than one book, check that you have written the information required on each book.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 77.

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**Section A – US Government**

Answer questions 1, 2 and 3.

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Explain and analyse three reasons why the USA might be described as having a two-party system.

**[9 marks]**

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Explain and analyse three ways in which the Bill of Rights protects civil rights and liberties in the USA.

**[9 marks]**

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Explain and analyse three ways that structural theory could be used to study the selection of members of the US and UK Supreme Courts.

**[9 marks]**

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**Section B – Extract Question**

Read the extracts below and answer question 4 that follows.

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**Electing the US President**

*In November and December 2016 following the Presidential election there appeared in the New York Times a series of articles debating the Electoral College as the method of selecting the President.*

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**Extracts adapted from articles written in *The New York Times* in November and December 2016.**

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Analyse, evaluate and compare the different arguments in the above extracts regarding the use of the Electoral College as the method of electing the US President.

**[25 marks]**

**Turn over for the next question**

**Turn over ►**

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**Section C – Comparative Government and Politics Essay Questions**

Answer either Question 5 or Question 6 from Section C.

In your answer you should draw on material from across the whole range of your course of study in Politics.

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**Either**

**0 5**

'The use of direct democracy in both the USA and UK is attractive in theory, but undesirable in practice.' Analyse and evaluate this statement.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**0 6**

'Pressure groups are both essential and beneficial to the operation of democracy in the UK and the USA.' Analyse and evaluate this statement.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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