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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

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

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 two** short essays from one section and **one** long essay from the other.

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.



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Section A: UK Concepts and Institution**Short essays**

- 1 Explain how power is shared between the Westminster Parliament, the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly. [25]
- 2 Explain the functions of the House of Commons. [25]
- 3 Explain the strengths of an uncodified constitution. [25]

Full essays

- 4 To what extent, since 1979, has 'cabinet government' been replaced by a 'presidential' style of government? [50]
- 5 Evaluate the part played by judges in interpreting the British Constitution. [50]
- 6 Assess the advantages and disadvantages of the first-past-the-post electoral system. [50]

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

- 7 Explain how power is shared between the Federal and State governments. [25]
- 8 Explain the functions of the Senate. [25]
- 9 Explain the role of the Electoral College in recent US Presidential elections. [25]

Full essays

- 10 Assess the role of the Supreme Court in upholding the rights of American citizens. [50]
- 11 “The most serious weakness of the US Constitution is its inflexibility.” Assess this view. [50]
- 12 Evaluate the role of Congressional Committees. [50]

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