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Letter

Australian Politics

Question and Answer Book

VCE Examination – Wednesday 6 November 2024

- Reading time is **15 minutes**: 11.45 am to 12 noon
- Writing time is **2 hours**: 12 noon to 2.00 pm

Materials supplied

- Question and Answer Book of 24 pages

Instructions

- Use the additional space at the end of this book if you need extra space to complete an answer.

Students are **not** permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any unauthorised electronic devices into the examination room.

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Section A

Instructions

- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.
- Write your responses in English.
- The focus of your responses must be on contemporary examples and case studies from within the last 11 years.

Question 1 (2 marks)

Describe the role of the Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives.

Question 3 (3 marks)

Identify **three** ways by which the Australian Electoral Commission upholds democratic values and principles.

Question 4 (4 marks)

Using examples, describe **two** ways that the High Court of Australia protects rights and freedoms.

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Question 5 (5 marks)

- a. Explain **two** of the powers given to the President in the Constitution of the United States of America.

4 marks

- b. Identify **one** constraint on **one** of the powers you have identified in your answer to **part 5a**.

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Question 6 (4 marks)

Explain **two** effects of first-past-the-post (plurality) voting in the United States of America.

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Question 8 (4 marks)

Discuss **one** way that the opposition, minor parties and independents can affect the government's domestic policy formulation in Australia.

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Question 9 (6 marks)

Using knowledge of a contemporary domestic policy issue that you have studied this year, explain the roles played by the prime minister and other key ministers in the formulation of this policy.

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Question 10 (4 marks)

Analyse **one** way in which either interest groups or the media can influence domestic policy making in Australia.

Question 11 (3 marks)

Using a contemporary example, explain how the word 'bipartisan' applies to Australian foreign policy formulation and implementation.

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Question 12 (3 marks)

Using a contemporary example, describe how **one** foreign policy instrument has been used by an Australian Government to promote Australia as a good global citizen.

Question 13 (3 marks)

Using a contemporary example, explain how economic conditions affect Australian foreign policy formulation.

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Section B

Instructions

- Write an essay on **one** of the following questions in the space provided.
 - Write your response in English.
 - Your response will be assessed according to the assessment criteria set out on page 23.
 - The focus of your responses must be on contemporary examples and case studies from within the last 11 years.
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Question 1 (20 marks)

'The operation of the Commonwealth Parliament ensures the executive is held accountable.'

To what extent do you agree?

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

'Political parties within the Congress of the United States of America uphold democratic values better than political parties in the Commonwealth Parliament of Australia.'

To what extent do you agree?

OR

Question 3 (20 marks)

'An electoral mandate ensures the successful implementation of domestic public policy.'

To what extent do you agree?

In your response, you must refer to **one or more** domestic public policies that you have studied this year.

OR

Question 4 (20 marks)

'Maintaining national security is the most important objective in the making of Australian foreign policy.'

To what extent do you agree?

Select a question by placing a tick (✓) in **one** of the boxes below:

Question 1

Question 2

Question 3

Question 4

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If you use any additional Question and Answer Books to complete your responses, write your **student number** on the front cover. At the end of the examination, place the additional Question and Answer Books inside the front cover of the first Question and Answer Book.

Assessment criteria for Section B

The essay in Section B will be assessed against the following criteria:

- development of a coherent and relevant argument that addresses the specific demands of the essay question
 - demonstration of political knowledge that is accurate and appropriate for the essay question
 - accurate use of key political terms and concepts
 - use of contemporary examples and case studies to support explanations, points of view and arguments.
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