

Victorian Certificate of Education 2019

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STUDENT NUMBER						

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

Written examination

Friday 15 November 2019

Reading time: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm (15 minutes) Writing time: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
A	15	15	60
В	4	1	20
			Total 80

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or correction fluid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 24 pages, including assessment criteria for Section B on page 24
- Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.

Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- The focus of your responses must be on contemporary examples and case studies from within the last 10 years.
- All written responses must be in English.

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SECTION A

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Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1 (1 mark) Identify one way in which Australian citizens are able to participate in the political process.
Question 2 (2 marks)
Outline one difference between the functions of the Senate and those of the House of Representatives.

Explain one way in which the Australian prime minister can be chosen.	
Question 4 (3 marks)	
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Question 5 (3 marks) Using a contemporary example, explain the concept of individual ministerial responsibility.
Question 6 (1 mark) Identify one source of power of the president of the United States of America.
Question 7 (3 marks) Explain one impact of federalism on the protection of rights and freedoms in the United States of America

Question 8 (6 marks)				
Discuss the roles of politi	ical parties in the elector	al system of the Unit	ted States of America.	

ritically compare the effects of compulsory voting in Australia with the effects of voluntary voting in the inited States of America. Use at least one contemporary example to support your response.	ne

Question 10 (2 marks)	
Describe one difference in the formulation of domestic policy and foreign policy.	
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Describe one way in which a backbencher can influence domestic policy formulation.	2 ma
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Analyse the roles of the public service in the domestic policy-making process.	5 ma

Question 12 (7 marks) Critically evaluate one contemporary domestic policy issue in terms of its successes and/or failures.

Question 13 (4 marks)
Discuss one instance where public opinion has attempted to influence a foreign policy.

Question 14 (7 marks)

Outline three reasons why it is important that the Australian Government acts as a good global citizen.	3 ma
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Question 15 (5 marks)
Analyse the importance of foreign aid as a key instrument of contemporary Australian foreign policy.

SECTION B

Instructions for Section B

Write an essay on **one** of the following questions in the space provided.

Your response will be assessed according to the assessment criteria set out on page 24.

Question 1 (20 marks)

'Australia's proportional and preferential voting systems both have strengths and weaknesses.'

Evaluate the aims and effectiveness of both of these voting systems in terms of the maintenance of democratic values.

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

'The Australian Parliament is more representative than the Congress of the United States of America.'

To what extent do you agree?

OR

Question 3 (20 marks)

'The influence of both the media and interest groups on public policy making in Australia is of great significance.'

Evaluate this statement with reference to at least one policy issue that you have studied this year.

OR

Question 4 (20 marks)

'Australia's national interests should be the top priority when dealing with the challenges facing Australian foreign policy.'

Evaluate this statement with reference to **two** of the following key challenges facing contemporary Australian foreign policy:

- global and regional conflicts
- humanitarian crises and natural disasters
- the threat of global terrorism
- climate change and environmental issues
- the economic development of the region
- refugees, people smuggling and trafficking in persons

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Extra space for responses			
Clearly number all responses in this space.			

An answer book is available from the supervisor if you need extra paper to complete an answer. Please ensure you write your **student number** in the space provided on the front cover of the answer book. **At the end of the examination, place the answer book inside the front cover of this 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

END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

