

# Victorian Certificate of Education 2020

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**STUDENT NUMBER** 

## **AUSTRALIAN POLITICS**

## Written examination

#### **Tuesday 17 November 2020**

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
А	12	12	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 space 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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#### **SECTIONA**

#### **Instructions for Section A**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

#### Question 1 (1 mark)

Outline one role of an Australian federal minister that is not a role carried out by an Australian federal backbencher.

Question 2 (2 marks) Describe one constitutional power of the Australian governor-general.

#### Question 3 (2 marks)

Describe one way in which the rights and freedoms of people are protected in the Australian system of government.

#### **Question 4** (5 marks)

Analyse how Australia's electoral funding rules may affect the democratic operation of Australian elections.

Outline how the American Constitution establishes an independent judiciary.	2 marks
Using at least one contemporary example, explain the meaning of the term 'checks and	
balances' in the political system of the United States of America.	3 mark
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#### **Question 6** (7 marks)

**a.** Explain **one** way in which the electoral system of the United States of America is inconsistent with the value of political equality.

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Explain the operation of presidential primaries in the electoral system of the United States of America.	4 marks
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#### Question 7 (8 marks)

Critically compare the impact of political parties on the legislative branches of both Australia and the United States of America.

#### **Question 8** (8 marks)

- **a.** Select one of the following elements outside the formal institutions of government:
  - international influences
  - opinion polls
  - the media
  - interest groups

Element

Explain **one** influence of this element on domestic public policy making.

3 marks

Analyse the role and influence of the electoral mandate in **either** the formulation **or** b. implementation of domestic public policy. 5 marks

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#### Question 9 (10 marks)

**a.** Explain the role of ministerial advisers in the formulation of domestic policy.

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Discuss the role and influence of the Opposition in the formulation of <b>e or</b> foreign policy.	6

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#### Question 10 (2 marks)

Explain **one** way in which Australia's economic and trade interests are pursued as key objectives of Australian foreign policy.

#### Question 11 (4 marks)

Distinguish between bilateral and multilateral doctrines of Australian foreign policy using **one** contemporary example for each.

#### Question 12 (6 marks)

'Australians don't tend to vote on foreign policy in federal elections. This makes perfect sense: there is, for the most part, a tradition of bipartisanship on foreign policy and usually few key points of difference between the major parties.'

Source: Matt McDonald, 'Foreign policy should play a bigger role in Australian elections. This is why it probably won't', The Conversation, 24 April 2019, <a href="https://theconversation.com/au>">https://theconversation.com/au></a>

Using at least one example, analyse the extent to which contemporary Australian foreign policy is bipartisan.

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## **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)

'There are few opportunities for citizens to participate in the Australian political process.'

To what extent do you agree?

OR

#### Question 2 (20 marks)

'There are a number of effective constraints on the power of the president of the United States of America.'

To what extent do you agree?

#### OR

#### Question 3 (20 marks)

'Australian federal governments are faced with many difficulties when formulating and implementing domestic policy.'

To what extent do you agree?

#### OR

#### Question 4 (20 marks)

'The formulation of Australian foreign policy is too heavily influenced by the executive and the bureaucracy.'

Evaluate this statement with reference to **one** 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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#### Assessment criteria for Section B

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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



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