

Victorian Certificate of Education 2021

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STUDENT NUMBER			

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

Written examination

Friday 12 November 2021

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	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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SECTION A

Instructions for Section A

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1 (2 marks) Outline one role of independents in the Australian Parliament.
Question 2 (4 marks) Using at least one contemporary example, compare the separation of powers in the system of government in Australia with the system of government in the United States of America.

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Question 3 (4 marks)
Explain two ways in which Australia's electoral system is consistent with the value of political equality.

Question 4 (7 marks) Analyse the extent to which the participation of citizens is enabled in Australia's political system.				

Question 5 (4 marks)

Identify one right that is constitutionally protected in the political system of the United States of America.	1 mar
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Using an example from the political system of the United States of America, explain the	-
significance of the rule of law in a liberal democracy.	3 mark
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Question 6 (3 marks)
Describe the role of the Electoral College in the political system of the United States of America.

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Question 9 (8 marks) Analyse the influence of minor parties in the formulation of domestic public policy.				

Question 10 (2 marks)	
Outline how global citizenship applies to contemporary Australian foreign policy.	
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Question 11 (6 marks)

Discuss the importance of two key challenges facing contemporary Australian foreign policy. You must select two of the following key challenges:

- 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

Challenge 1	
Challenge 2	

Analyse the success of two key instruments of contemporary Australian foreign policy in achieving one of Australia's national interests.			

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)

'While the prime minister has considerable power in the Australian system of government, there are effective ways to limit that power.'

To what extent do you agree?

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

'The electoral system of the United States of America provides a more legitimate mandate to govern than the electoral system of Australia.'

To what extent do you agree?

OR

Question 3 (20 marks)

'The successful implementation of domestic policy is more challenging than its formulation.'

Evaluate this statement with reference to **one or more** contemporary domestic policies.

OR

Question 4 (20 marks)

'Economic conditions are the most significant influence on the formulation and implementation of Australian foreign policy.'

To what extent do you agree?

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

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An answer book is available from the supervisor if you need extra space 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

