

STUDENT NUMBER Letter

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

Written examination

Monday 14 November 2022

Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)
Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 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
B	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 (4 marks)

a. State **two** functions of the Senate. 2 marks

b. Outline **one** specific way in which question time in the House of Representatives fails to uphold the democratic principle of accountability. 2 marks

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Question 2 (7 marks)

- a. Distinguish between responsible government and representative government. 3 marks

- b. Explain the significance of the principle of individual ministerial responsibility in the Australian political system. 4 marks

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Question 3 (8 marks)

Compare the impacts of political parties on representation in the Australian Parliament with the impacts of political parties on representation in the Congress of the United States of America.

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Question 4 (2 marks)

Outline **one** argument in favour of voluntary voting in the electoral system of the United States of America.

Question 5 (4 marks)

Discuss **one** constraint on the power of the president of the United States of America.

Question 6 (5 marks)

Analyse the impact of committees on the effectiveness of the Congress of the United States of America.

Question 7 (2 marks)

Using a specific example, outline **one** role of the public service in implementing Australian domestic policy.

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Question 8 (6 marks)

Discuss how the media may influence Australian domestic policy.

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Question 9 (7 marks)

Evaluate the ability of independents to influence the formulation and implementation of Australian domestic policy.

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Question 10 (3 marks)

Using a contemporary example from Australian foreign policy, outline the meaning of 'sovereignty'.

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Question 11 (5 marks)

Analyse the importance of **one** formal agreement or treaty in achieving **one** of Australia's national interests.

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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)

‘Responsible government effectively enables citizens to hold federal politicians to account.’

To what extent do you agree?

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

‘Rights and freedoms in the political system of the United States of America are better protected than they are in the political system of Australia.’

To what extent do you agree?

OR

Question 3 (20 marks)

‘The prime minister and Cabinet have far more influence than the Commonwealth Parliament on the formulation of domestic policy.’

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

OR

Question 4 (20 marks)

‘The changing media landscape allows public opinion to have more influence on contemporary Australian foreign policy.’

To what extent do you agree?

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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

