

STUDENT NUMBER Letter

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
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 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**Instructions for Section A**

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.

Question 3 (3 marks)

Explain **one** way in which the Australian prime minister can be chosen.

Question 4 (3 marks)

Using a contemporary example, explain **one** impact of party pre-selection methods on Australian democracy.

Question 10 (2 marks)

Describe **one** difference in the formulation of domestic policy and foreign policy.

Question 14 (7 marks)

- a. Outline **three** reasons why it is important that the Australian Government acts as a good global citizen.

3 marks

- b. Explain why the maintenance of national security is a key objective of Australian foreign policy. Use **at least one** contemporary example to support your response.

4 marks

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

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

