

STUDENT NUMBER  Letter

# 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

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
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** (2 marks)

Outline **one** role of independents in the Australian Parliament.

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**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 5** (4 marks)

- a. Identify **one** right that is constitutionally protected in the political system of the United States of America. 1 mark

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- b. 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 marks

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**Question 8 (7 marks)**

**a.** Describe how party policy platforms can influence the formulation of domestic public policy. 3 marks

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**b.** Using contemporary examples, explain **two** ways in which stakeholders can influence the formulation of domestic public policy. 4 marks

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**Question 10** (2 marks)

Outline how global citizenship applies to contemporary Australian foreign policy.

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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)

‘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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**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

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END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

