

STUDENT NUMBER           Letter

# AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

## Written examination

Monday 13 November 2023

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	14	14	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)

State **two** functions of the Australian House of Representatives.

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**Question 2** (4 marks)

Using a contemporary example, explain the importance of the term ‘collective ministerial responsibility’.

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**Question 3** (3 marks)

Outline **two** key roles of crossbenchers in the Australian Parliament.

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**Question 5** (6 marks)

Using contemporary examples, discuss **two** ways in which the United States of America’s federal system of government can impact on democratic rights and freedoms.

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**Question 7** (2 marks)

Describe the composition of the Congress of the United States of America.

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**Question 8** (3 marks)

Using an example, describe **one** role of the ministry in implementing a contemporary domestic policy.

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**Question 9 (5 marks)**

Discuss how international influences have impacted on Australian domestic policy formulation and/or implementation.

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**Question 10** (7 marks)

Analyse the significance of elections in formulating domestic policy.

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**Question 11** (3 marks)

Using contemporary examples, distinguish between domestic policy and foreign policy.

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**Question 12** (2 marks)

Using a contemporary example, describe **one** role of Australian delegations overseas.

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**Question 13** (4 marks)

Using contemporary examples, describe **two** key objectives of 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)

‘The institutions and processes of the Australian political system do not always uphold democratic values and principles.’

To what extent do you agree?

**OR**

**Question 2** (20 marks)

‘In both Australia and the United States of America, legislatures are able to keep the executive accountable.’

To what extent do you agree?

**OR**

**Question 3** (20 marks)

‘When governments are formulating domestic policy, a range of institutions, groups and other factors are equally influential.’

Evaluate this statement with reference to **at least two** of the following:

- the public service
- the judiciary
- opinion polls
- the media
- independent members of parliament

**OR**

**Question 4** (20 marks)

‘The key instruments of contemporary foreign policy are successfully used by the Australian Government in pursuit of its national interests.’

Evaluate this statement with reference to **three** different foreign policy instruments.

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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**

