VCE Australian Politics Unit 3: 2018–2024

Performance Descriptors

| **VCE AUSTRALIAN POLITICS**  **SCHOOL-ASSESSED COURSEWORK** | | | | | |
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| ***Unit 3***  ***Outcome 1***  ***Explain the key values and principles of the Australian political system and evaluate the system’s democratic strengths and weaknesses.*** | **DESCRIPTOR: typical performance in each range** | | | | |
| **Very low** | **Low** | **Medium** | **High** | **Very high** |
| Very limited description of key terms and concepts relating to democratic theory and practice in Australia. | Some explanation of key terms and concepts relating to democratic theory and practice in Australia. | Satisfactory explanation of key terms and concepts relating to democratic theory and practice in Australia. | Detailed explanation of key terms and concepts relating to democratic theory and practice in Australia. | Comprehensive explanation of key terms and concepts relating to democratic theory and practice in Australia. |
| Very limited explanation of the key values and principles of liberal democracy. | Some explanation of the key values and principles of liberal democracy. | Adequate explanation of the key values and principles of liberal democracy. | Detailed explanation of the key values and principles of liberal democracy. | Comprehensive explanation of the key values and principles of liberal democracy. |
| Limited description of the key features of government in Australia and the operation of electoral systems and the parliament. | Some explanation of the key features of government in Australia and the operation of electoral systems and the parliament. | Satisfactory explanation of the key features of government in Australia and some analysis of the operation of electoral systems and the parliament. | Detailed explanation of the key features of government in Australia and analysis of the operation of electoral systems and the parliament. | Comprehensive explanation of the key features of government in Australia and sophisticated analysis of the operation of electoral systems and the parliament. |
| Some explanation and limited evaluation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld by the Australian political system. | Some explanation and some evaluation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld by the Australian political system. | Satisfactory evaluation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld by the Australian political system. | Detailed evaluation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld by the Australian political system. | Insightful evaluation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld by the Australian political system. |
| Very limited evaluation of the democratic strengths and weaknesses of the Australian political system. | Some evaluation of the democratic strengths and weaknesses of the Australian political system. | Appropriate evaluation of the democratic strengths and weaknesses of the Australian political system. | Detailed evaluation of the democratic strengths and weaknesses of the Australian political system. | Insightful evaluation of the democratic strengths and weaknesses of the Australian political system. |
| Very limited use of evidence from contemporary examples to explain and analyse institutions and processes of Australian government. | Some use of evidence from contemporary examples to explain and analyse institutions and processes of Australian government. | Relevant use of evidence from contemporary examples to explain and analyse institutions and processes of Australian government. | Precise use of evidence from contemporary examples to explain and analyse institutions and processes of Australian government. | Comprehensive use of evidence from contemporary examples to explain and analyse institutions and processes of Australian government. |

KEY to marking scale based on the Outcome contributing 50 marks

| Very Low 1–10 | Low 11–20 | Medium 21–30 | High 31–40 | Very High 41–50 |
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