VCE Australian Politics Unit 3: 2018–2024

Performance Descriptors

| **VCE AUSTRALIAN POLITICS**  **SCHOOL-ASSESSED COURSEWORK** | | | | | |
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| ***Unit 3***  ***Outcome 2***  ***Analyse the key features of the political system of the United States of America and critically compare the political systems of Australia and of the United States of America in terms of the extent to which democratic values and principles are upheld.*** | **DESCRIPTOR: typical performance in each range** | | | | |
| **Very low** | **Low** | **Medium** | **High** | **Very high** |
| Limited explanation of the key terms and concepts relating to political systems in the USA and Australia. | Some explanation of the key terms and concepts relating to political systems in the USA and Australia. | Satisfactory explanation of the key terms and concepts relating to political systems in the USA and Australia. | Detailed explanation of the key terms and concepts relating to political systems in the USA and Australia. | Comprehensive explanation of the key terms and concepts relating to political systems in the USA and Australia. |
| Very Limited explanation of the key features of the US political system and operation of the US electoral system and Congress. | Some explanation of the key features of the US political system and limited analysis of the operation of the US electoral system and Congress. | Satisfactory explanation of the key features of the US political system and adequate analysis of the operation of the US electoral system and Congress. | Detailed explanation of the key features of the US political system and thorough analysis of the features and operation of the US electoral system and Congress. | Comprehensive explanation of the key features of the US political system and insightful analysis of the operation of the US electoral system and Congress. |
| Limited explanation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld in the US political system. | Some explanation and basic evaluation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld in the US political system. | Adequate explanation and satisfactory evaluation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld in the US political system. | Detailed explanation and evaluation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld in the US political system. | Insightful explanation and evaluation of the protection of democratic rights and freedoms and the extent to which democratic values are upheld in the US political system. |
| Very limited analysis of the role and constraints of political leadership. | Some analysis of the role and constraints of political leadership. | Sound analysis of the role and constraints of political leadership. | Detailed analysis of the role and constraints of political leadership. | Insightful analysis of the role and constraints of political leadership. |
| Limited comparison of the US system with the Australian system and the extent to which each reflects liberal democratic values. | Some comparison of the US system with the Australian system and the extent to which each reflects liberal democratic values. | Adequate critical comparison of the US system with the Australian system and the extent to which each reflects liberal democratic values. | Detailed critical comparison of the US system with the Australian system and the extent to which each reflects liberal democratic values. | Sophisticated critical comparison of the US system with the Australian system and the extent to which each reflects liberal democratic values. |

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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