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Level 3 GCE

Politics

Advanced

Paper 3: Comparative Politics – USA

Specimen papers for first teaching September 2017 Time: 2 hours	Paper Reference 9PL0/3A
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You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections:
 - in Section A answer **either** Question 1(a) **or** 1(b)
 - in Section B answer Question 2
 - in Section C answer **two** questions from 3(a), 3(b) **or** 3(c).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 - *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 - *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Calculators are not permitted.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ONE question from EITHER Question 1(a) OR Question 1(b).

EITHER

- 1** (a) Examine the ways in which the US House of Representatives differs from the UK House of Commons. (12)

OR

- (b) Examine the ways in which US presidents and UK prime ministers may seek to influence legislation. (12)

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 12 MARKS



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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 12 MARKS



SECTION C

Answer TWO questions from EITHER 3(a) OR 3(b) OR 3(c).

EITHER

- 3** (a) Evaluate the view that the US Constitution ensures that civil rights are effectively protected by the Supreme Court.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

AND/OR

- (b) Evaluate the view that campaign finance is the most significant factor in determining the outcome of congressional elections.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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AND/OR

- (c) Evaluate the view that the legislative process is more effectively influenced by pressure groups than political parties.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 60 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 84 MARKS**

