

## Higher Politics Paper 1 – Comments on Specimen Answer 1

*“Bush’s victory was comprehensive and welcomed by the majority of Americans.”*

The candidate provides support for comprehensive victory by quoting popular vote but ignores the percentage figures which question the view that it was comfortable.

The candidate provides evidence and analysis to support view “welcomed by majority of Americans” with reference to white voters and quotes the figures. Also refers to rich, rural and suburban voters as further evidence.

Within each category, the candidate provides comparison between Bush and Kerry. Reference also made to Ralph Nader.

The candidate includes reference to information not included in the sources: reference to New Orleans and receives no credit.

In terms of evaluation of viewpoint *“Bush reflected the mood of the nation”* the candidate only provides information to support the statement. She/he ignores the issue where Bush’s policies were less popular. This is a weak paragraph.

Nevertheless candidate has done enough in the first section of the answer to deserve a C pass.

Script 2A

A Award

An excellent answer with detailed evaluation and analysis.

*Bush’s victory was comprehensive and welcomed by the majority of the Americans*

Candidate makes excellent use source A both to support and question the validity that the victory was comprehensive. Again uses evidence from sources C and D to qualify the view that it was welcomed by the

majority of Americans. Comparisons are made between Bush and Gore in reference to Gender , Race and Location with detailed and well balanced conclusions made

Again candidate provides excellent analysis of the issues and provides well balanced conclusions to support and to question the validity of the statement “ *Bush reflected the mood of the nation*”

Overall , a well written , thoughtful answer which provides excellent and detailed analysis