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POLITICS  
HIGHER  
Paper 2

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions.

**ONE** from Section A—Political Theory  
**ONE** from Section B—Political Structures  
**ONE** from Section C—Political Representation

Each question carries 20 marks.



**Section A—Political Theory**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

*Marks*

**A1.** To what extent does Marxism offer a theory of the state that challenges the pluralist model?

**(20)**

**A2.**

Power, authority and legitimacy are closely linked.

Critically examine this statement, using the work of Lukes and Weber to illustrate your answer.

**(20)**

**A3.** Compare and contrast the key features of John Locke's Liberalism with those of Karl Marx's Socialism.

**(20)**

**Section B—Political Structures**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

*Marks*

**B4.** Compare and contrast the role of the UK Parliament in scrutinising the Executive with that of **either** the Scottish Parliament **or** the US Congress. **(20)**

**B5.**

The most important role of the Executive is to make policy.

Compare and contrast how the UK Executive fulfils this function with **either** the Scottish **or** US Executive. **(20)**

**B6.**

An independent judiciary is the best way to protect the constitution and peoples' rights.

Discuss with reference to the UK and **either** Scotland **or** the USA. **(20)**

**[Turn over for Section C on Page four**

**Section C—Political Representation**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

*Marks*

**C7.**

The trustee and delegate models place contrasting demands on the behaviour of representatives.

Discuss

**(20)**

**C8.**

Short term influences on voting behaviour now have a far greater impact than long term influences.

Discuss

**(20)**

**C9.**

More proportional types of electoral systems are fairer but less likely to produce stable government than FPTP.

Discuss

**(20)**

*[END OF QUESTION PAPER]*