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**Politics  
Paper 1**

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

**Total marks — 52**

**SECTION 1 — POLITICAL THEORY — 12 marks**

Attempt **EITHER** question 1(a) **OR** question 1(b) **OR** question 1(c).

**SECTION 2 — POLITICAL SYSTEMS — 20 marks**

Attempt **EITHER** question 2(a) **OR** question 2(b).

**SECTION 3 — POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS — 20 marks**

Attempt **EITHER** question 3(a) **OR** question 3(b).

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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## SECTION 1 — POLITICAL THEORY — 12 marks

Attempt EITHER question 1(a) OR question 1(b) OR question 1(c)

1. (a) Analyse the concept of authority with reference to the work of Max Weber. 12
- OR
- (b) Analyse the key features of direct democracy.  
In your answer you must refer to the work of at least **one** relevant theorist. 12
- OR
- (c) Analyse the key features of a political ideology that you have studied.  
In your answer you must refer to the work of at least **one** relevant theorist. 12

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**SECTION 2 — POLITICAL SYSTEMS — 20 marks**  
**Attempt EITHER question 2(a) OR question 2(b)**

2. (a) Constitutions can be very different in terms of both nature and status.  
Discuss with reference to **two** political systems you have studied. **20**

**OR**

- (b) To what extent does the Executive have constraints on its powers?  
In your answer you must refer to **two** political systems you have studied. **20**

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**SECTION 3 — POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS — 20 marks****Attempt EITHER question 3(a) OR question 3(b)**

3. (a) The dominant ideas of political parties can have a very significant impact on their electoral performance.
- Discuss with reference to **two** sets of dominant ideas either within one political party **or** between two political parties that you have studied.

**20****OR**

- (b) To what extent are campaign strategies based on the use of new technology the most effective approach that political parties can take during elections.

**20****[END OF QUESTION PAPER]**