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THURSDAY, 5 JUNE  
2.20 PM – 4.00 PM

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**

*Marks*

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

- A1.** Compare and contrast the key elements of Conservatism and Liberalism using the works of Burke and Locke to illustrate your answer. **(20)**
- A2.** Explain the key features of direct and representative democracy, using the works of appropriate theorists to illustrate your answer. **(20)**
- A3.** “Legitimacy is crucial to the distinction between Power and Authority.” Discuss, using the works of Lukes and Weber to illustrate your answer. **(20)**

**Section B—Political Structures**

*Marks*

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

- B4.** Compare and contrast the links between elected representatives and their constituents in the UK Parliament with those in **either** the US Congress **or** the Scottish Parliament. (20)
- B5.** “The roles and powers of committees in the UK Parliament compare unfavourably with committees in **either** the Scottish Parliament **or** the US Congress.”  
Discuss. (20)
- B6.** Compare and contrast the checks and balances that exist to control the powers of the UK Prime Minister with those of **either** Scotland’s First Minister **or** the President of the USA. (20)

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

**Section C—Political Representation**

*Marks*

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

- C7.** Explain and illustrate the key **advantages** and **disadvantages** of using the Additional Member System in Scottish Parliamentary elections. **(20)**
- C8.** Explain and illustrate the main purposes of elections in the UK. **(20)**
- C9.** Examine the main theories of voting behaviour, illustrating your answer with examples from the UK. **(20)**

*[END OF QUESTION PAPER]*