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**Politics
Paper 2**

MONDAY, 29 APRIL

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Total marks — 28

Attempt **BOTH** questions.

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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1. Study Sources A and B, then answer the question which follows.

SOURCE A

Hobbes and the conservative view of the state

Shortly after the beheading of the king at the end of the civil war in 1651, Thomas Hobbes, an English philosopher, wrote *'Leviathan'*. A leviathan was a mythical sea creature that swallowed whole ships. Hobbes compared government to a leviathan, a dominant state created to enforce order, and his work focused on the reasons for political obligation and the basis of the state's right to rule. Hobbes argued that the purpose of government was to impose law and order to prevent anarchy and disorder. Hobbes supported the idea of an absolute state with unlimited power. Hobbes' arguments in *'Leviathan'* marked a major departure from the prevailing notion of the 'divine right of kings' as the source of political authority. The views of Hobbes influenced the development of the conservative position on the role of the state.

Hobbes used the idea of society before the establishment of governmental authority. He called this the state of nature. No morality exists in this state of nature in which there is unlimited freedom. He argued that life in this state of nature would be 'solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short'. Everyone would live in constant fear. There would be no laws or anyone to impose them. Hobbes argued that the only way out of this position, would be for people to accept some dominant power to enforce peace and order on everybody. For Hobbes the absence of this would be a 'war of all against all'.

Hobbes developed an idea from English contract law and referred to this arrangement as the social contract. Hobbes maintained that the social contract was an arrangement only between the people and not between them and their monarch. The people would agree to accept the unquestioned rule of a sovereign state. The monarch would make and apply the laws to achieve a peaceful society. Hobbes argued that there was a stark choice facing society, either accept the unlimited rule and power of the state or face chaos and war. For Hobbes there was no question against accepting the authority of the state, if individuals did not agree to accept this authority the only outcome would be disorder.

Hobbes' views were developed from his account of human nature. In his work *'Leviathan'* he stresses our animal nature, leaving each of us to live independently of each other, acting only in our own self-interest. Therefore, for Hobbes man isn't a social animal. Hobbes articulates that human nature is evil and that only an unlimited and sovereign monarch can maintain order against our inherent tendency to evil.

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SOURCE B

Locke and the liberal view of the state

John Locke was a highly influential Enlightenment thinker and is famous for his work, the *'Two Treatises of Government'*. Locke's work had a major impact on liberal political thinking, particularly the sources of political authority and legitimate government. He sided with the Protestant Parliament against the Catholic King James II in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. This event reduced the power of the king and made Parliament the major authority in English government. Locke's views on why we should accept the authority of the state was an outgrowth of his optimistic view of human nature. Locke trusts in the goodness of human nature. Locke believed that man was benevolent, happy and peaceful, and would naturally seek a positive relationship with fellow citizens. For Locke, man was a social animal but he accepted that disputes could arise and therefore a state with limited powers would be required to resolve these.

Locke felt that humans could live peacefully in a state of nature and were governed by 'natural law' and that all humans were entitled to the god-given natural rights to life, liberty and property. Locke's writings contended that natural rights existed in the state of nature. These rights were inalienable and could never be voluntarily given up or taken away by individuals. Men existed in the state of nature in perfect freedom to do what they wanted. Locke did however acknowledge that there was a risk of conflict where there was unlimited freedom and that some might try to limit the rights of others. As a result there would need to be an arbiter to ensure that the rights of citizens could not be encroached by others. This then would lead to people agreeing to establish government and laws to ensure the protection of their natural rights. As he put it 'where there is no law there is no freedom'.

For Locke the social contract existed between the individual and the state as long as the state existed to protect the natural rights of life, liberty and property. This was the extent of the obligation to obey the government. The duty to follow the laws existing only insofar as the state fulfilled its part of the contract to protect life, liberty and property of its citizens. Where the state failed to do so Locke argued that individuals had the right to remove and replace the system of government and laws. Thus the existence of the state was dependant on the consent of the governed and its role must be limited only to the protection of the natural rights of all.

Using only the information in Sources A and B

Compare Hobbes' and Locke's views on the state.

In your answer you **must** make **three** points of comparison and reach an overall conclusion.

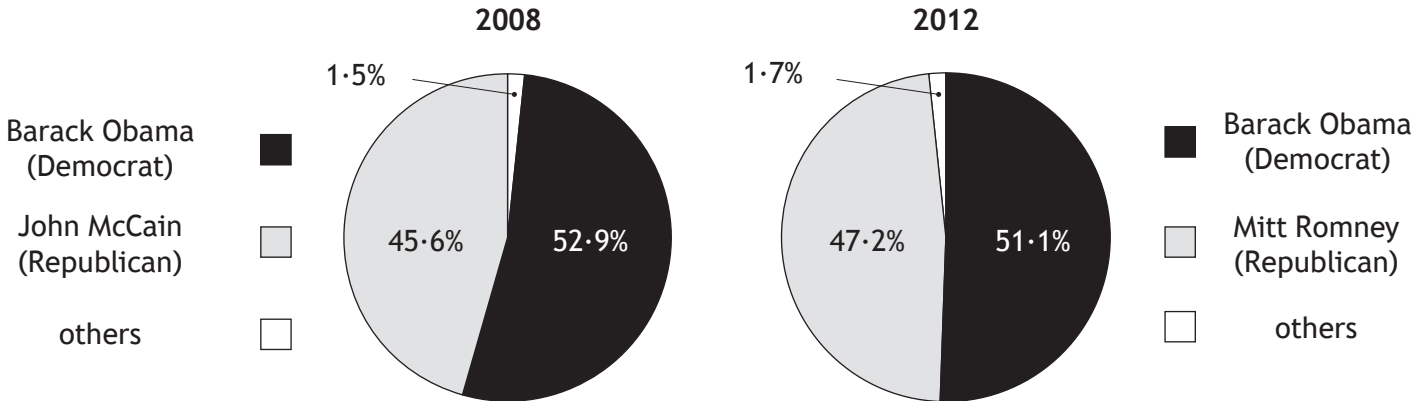
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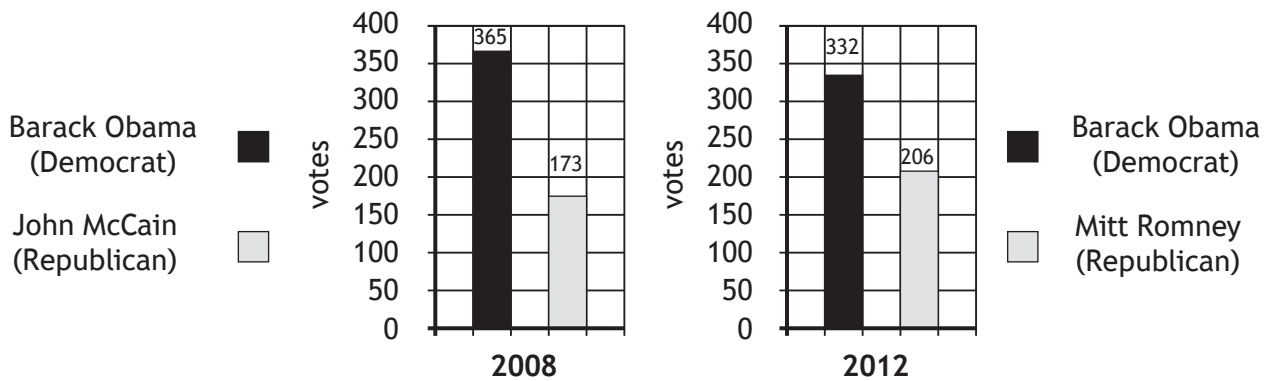
2. Study Sources A–E, then answer the question which follows.

Source A Presidential election data (2008 and 2012)

Percentage of votes



Electoral College votes



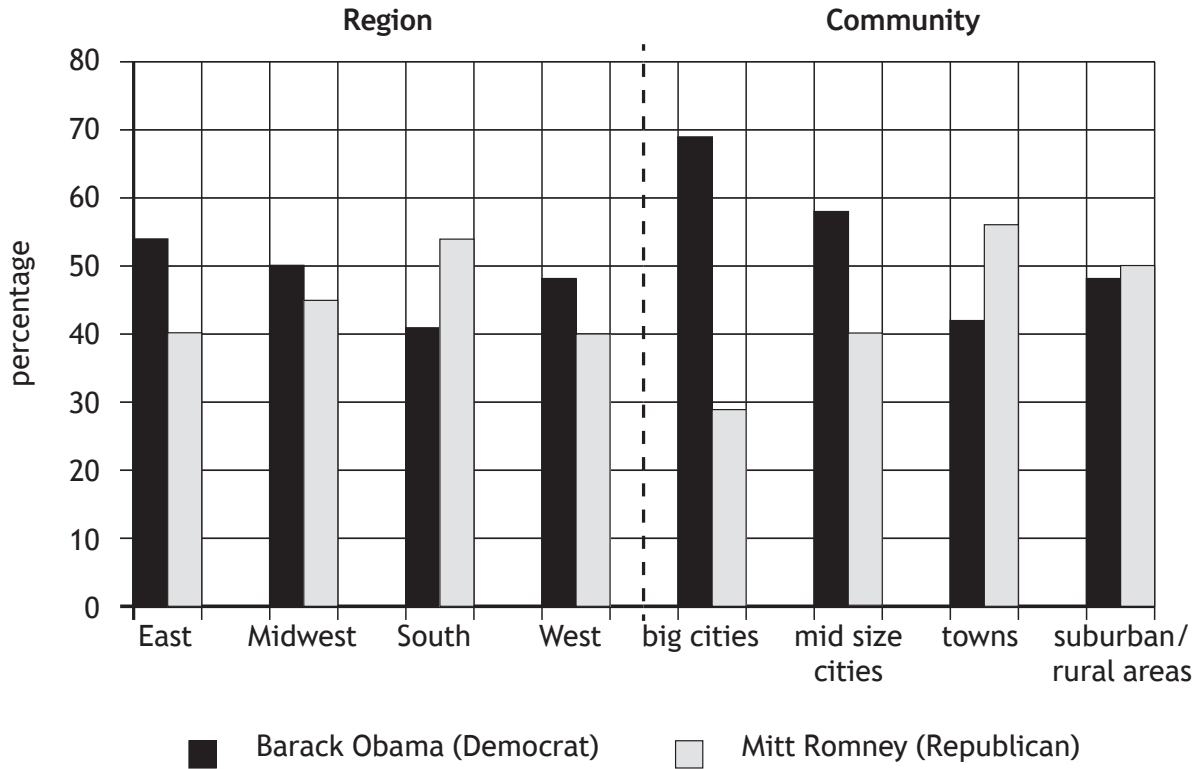
Source B Congressional election data for Democrats and Republicans (2008–2012)

		Senate (100 members)			House of Representatives (435 members)		
		Pre-election	Post-election	Change	Pre-election	Post-election	Change
2008	Democrats	51*	59*	+8	236	257	+21
	Republicans	49	41	-8	199	178	-21
2010	Democrats	59*	53*	-6	257	193	-64
	Republicans	41	47	+6	178	242	+64
2012	Democrats	53*	55*	+2	193	201	+8
	Republicans	47	45	-2	242	234	-8

(*includes independents who vote with the Democrats in the Senate)

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Source C 2012 presidential election: voting by region and community



Source D 2012 presidential election: voting for the two main candidates by gender, age, ethnicity and income

		Male	Female
Gender (%)	Obama (Democrat)	45	55
	Romney (Republican)	52	44

		18-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
Age (%)	Obama (Democrat)	60	60	55	48	47	44
	Romney (Republican)	36	38	42	50	52	56

		White	Blacks	Hispanics	Asian	Other
Ethnicity (%)	Obama (Democrat)	39	93	71	73	58
	Romney (Republican)	59	6	27	26	38

		Under \$30,000	\$30-49,999	\$50-99,999	\$100-199,999	\$200-249,999	\$250,000+
Income (%)	Obama (Democrat)	63	57	46	44	47	43
	Romney (Republican)	35	41	52	54	52	54

Source E 2016 presidential election: voting for the two main candidates by gender, age, race and income

		Male	Female
Gender (%)	Clinton (Democrat)	41	54
	Trump (Republican)	53	42

		18–24	25–29	30–39	40–49	50–64	65+
Age (%)	Clinton (Democrat)	56	53	51	46	43	45
	Trump (Republican)	35	39	40	50	53	53

		White	Blacks	Hispanics	Asian	Other
Ethnicity (%)	Clinton (Democrat)	37	88	65	65	56
	Trump (Republican)	58	8	29	29	37

		Under \$30,000	\$30-49,999	\$50-99,999	\$100-199,999	\$200-249,999	\$250,000+
Income (%)	Clinton (Democrat)	57	51	46	47	48	46
	Trump (Republican)	41	42	50	48	59	48

The Democrats clearly won the 2012 elections by convincingly defeating the Republicans at every level and their performance in 2012 was almost as impressive as in 2008. In the 2012 presidential election Barack Obama defeated his Republican opponent Mitt Romney by decisive margins across every area and in all sections of society. The Republican candidate in 2016, Donald Trump, performed significantly better among all voter groups compared to Mitt Romney in 2012.

Using only the information in Sources A–E

To what extent does the evidence contained in these sources support the viewpoint above?

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