



**X858/76/11**

**Politics  
Paper 1**

Duration — 1 hour 45 minutes

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**Total marks — 52**

**SECTION 1 — POLITICAL THEORY — 20 marks**

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

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

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

**SECTION 3 — POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS — 12 marks**

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

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 — 20 marks**  
**Attempt EITHER question 1(a) OR question 1(b)**

1. (a) The concept of legitimacy is essential for an understanding of the distinction between power and authority.  
Discuss with reference to the ideas of Lukes and Weber. 20
- OR**
- (b) To what extent are the key features of political ideologies similar?  
You must make reference to **two** political ideologies and the ideas of relevant theorists. 20

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## SECTION 2 — POLITICAL SYSTEMS — 20 marks

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

2. (a) The most significant policy making powers are held by the head of the executive branch.

Discuss with reference to **two** political systems that you have studied.

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OR

- (b) To what extent is the origin and passage of legislation significantly different in **two** political systems you have studied?

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**SECTION 3 — POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS — 12 marks**  
**Attempt EITHER question 3(a) OR question 3(b) OR question 3(c)**

3. (a) Evaluate the importance of the sociological model in explaining voting behaviour. 12
- OR**
- (b) Evaluate the impact of the dominant ideas of a political party on its electoral performance. 12
- OR**
- (c) Evaluate the effectiveness of traditional grassroots strategies used by political parties during election campaigns. 12

**[END OF QUESTION PAPER]**