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**Politics  
Paper 1**

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL  
09:00 AM – 10:45 AM

**Total marks — 52**

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

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

**SECTION 2 — POLITICAL SYSTEMS — 12 marks**

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

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

1. (a) To what extent are the key features of direct democracy superior to those of representative democracy?

In your answer you must refer to the work of relevant theorists.

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**OR**

- (b) There are no major differences between the key features of political ideologies.

Discuss with reference to **two** political ideologies and the ideas of relevant theorists.

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## SECTION 2 — POLITICAL SYSTEMS — 12 marks

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

2. (a) Compare the flexibility of the constitution in **two** political systems you have studied. 12
- OR
- (b) Compare the limits on the power of the executive in **two** political systems you have studied. 12
- OR
- (c) Compare the effectiveness of the legislature in scrutinising the work of the government in **two** political systems you have studied. 12

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

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

3. (a) The use of the media during campaigns is now undoubtedly the most effective strategy for political parties during elections.

Discuss.

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OR

- (b) To what extent is the sociological model the dominant model of voting behaviour in the UK today?

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