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2021 ASSESSMENT RESOURCE

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Politics
Paper 1

Duration — 1 hour 45 minutes

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.

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. **20**

OR

(b) To what extent is the origin and passage of legislation significantly different in **two** political systems you have studied? **20**

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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.

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OR

(b) Evaluate the impact of the dominant ideas of a political party on its electoral performance.

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OR

(c) Evaluate the effectiveness of traditional grassroots strategies used by political parties during election campaigns.

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