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**Politics  
Paper 1**

TUESDAY, 14 MAY  
9:00 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 — 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).

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 do the concepts of power, authority and legitimacy remain relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?  
In your answer you **must** refer to the works of Steven Lukes and Max Weber. **20**
- OR**
- (b) The benefits of direct democracy outweigh those of representative democracy.  
Discuss with reference to the work 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) There are few effective limits on the power of the executive.  
Discuss with reference to **two** political systems you have studied. **20**
- OR**
- (b) To what extent are the role and influence of committees similar 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)**

3. (a) Evaluate the impact of media strategies used by political parties in campaigns. 12

**OR**

- (b) Evaluate the relevance of the rational choice model in explaining voting behaviour. 12

**[END OF QUESTION PAPER]**