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**Politics
Paper 1**

THURSDAY, 22 MAY

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Total marks — 52

SECTION 1 — POLITICAL THEORY — 12 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 — 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.



SECTION 1 — POLITICAL THEORY — 12 marks
Attempt EITHER question 1(a) OR question 1(b)

1. (a) Analyse the relevance of Steven Lukes' **three** faces of power. **12**

OR

- (b) Analyse the key features of a political ideology that you have studied. **12**
In your answer you must refer to the work of at least **one** relevant theorist.

[Now go to SECTION 2 on *page 03*]

SECTION 2 — POLITICAL SYSTEMS — 20 marks**Attempt EITHER question 2(a) OR question 2(b)**

2. (a) Constitutions are effective at protecting the individual rights of citizens.
Discuss with reference to **two** political systems you have studied. **20**

OR

- (b) To what extent are legislatures successful at scrutinising the work of the government? **20**
In your answer you must refer to **two** political systems you have studied.

[Now go to SECTION 3 on *page 04*]

SECTION 3 — POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS — 20 marks**Attempt EITHER question 3(a) OR question 3(b)**

3. (a) The dominant ideas of political parties significantly impacts on their election performance.

Discuss with reference to **two** sets of dominant ideas either within one political party **or** between two political parties that you have studied.

20**OR**

- (b) To what extent do traditional grassroots methods have the most significant impact on political parties' performance during election campaigns?

20**[END OF QUESTION PAPER]**