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Politics Advanced Paper 3: Comparative Politics – USA	
Sample assessment material for first teaching September 2017 Time: 2 hours	Paper Reference 9PL0/3A
You do not need any other materials, including calculators which are not permitted.	Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections and you must answer **four** questions:
 - in Section A answer **either** Question 1(a) **or** 1(b)
 - in Section B answer Question 2
 - in Section C answer **two** questions from 3(a) **or** 3(b) **or** 3(c).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 - *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 - *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ONE question from EITHER Question 1(a) OR Question 1(b).

EITHER

- 1 (a) Examine the ways in which the US and the UK Constitutions are similar. (12)

OR

- (b) Examine the factors that create a two-party dominance both in the US and in the UK. (12)

(Total for Question 1 = 12 marks)

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SECTION B

Answer Question 2.

- 2** Analyse the differences in party unity in the US and in the UK.

In your answer you must consider the relevance of a least one comparative theory.

(12)

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 12 MARKS

SECTION C

Answer TWO questions from EITHER 3(a) OR 3(b) OR 3(c).

In your answer you should make connections between relevant areas of politics studied from Government and Politics of the USA.

EITHER

- 3** (a) Evaluate the extent to which the Supreme Court is now an 'imperial judiciary'.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

AND/OR

- (b) Evaluate the extent to which Congressional oversight of the President is ineffective.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

AND/OR

- (c) Evaluate the extent to which racial equality has been advanced in the 21st century.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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(Total for Question 3 = 60 marks)

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TOTAL FOR PAPER = 84 MARKS