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**Politics
Paper 1**

MONDAY, 29 APRIL

1:00 PM – 2:45 PM

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.



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

1. (a) Analyse the concept of power with reference to the work of Steven Lukes. 12
- OR
- (b) Analyse the key features of representative democracy. 12
In your answer you **must** refer to the work of at least **one** relevant theorist.

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SECTION 2 — POLITICAL SYSTEMS — 20 marks

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

2. (a) There are significant differences between both the key features and the importance of constitutions.

Discuss with reference to **two** political systems you have studied.

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OR

- (b) To what extent can legislatures effectively scrutinise the actions of government?

You must refer to **two** political systems you have studied.

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SECTION 3 — POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS — 20 marks

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

3. (a) To what extent is the rational choice model more relevant in explaining voting behaviour than other models in the UK today?

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OR

- (b) Traditional grassroots campaign strategies have a much greater impact on the electoral performance of political parties than the use of new technology.

Discuss.

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