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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 21st 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

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