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## Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Time 2 hours

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**9PL0/3A**

**Politics**

**Advanced**

**PAPER 3: Comparative Politics – USA**

**You do not need any other materials.**

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 **either** 3(a), 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.
- Try to answer every question.
- 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 differences in the checks and balances on the US Congress and the UK Parliament. (12)

**OR**

- (b) Examine the ways in which the methods used by US interest groups and UK pressure groups differ. (12)

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 12 MARKS**





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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 12 MARKS**





**SECTION C**

**Answer TWO questions from Question 3(a) OR Question 3(b) OR Question 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 view that the President is the most powerful branch of government rather than the Supreme Court or Congress.

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

**(30)**

**AND/OR**

- (b) Evaluate the view that Congress has protected civil and constitutional rights more effectively than the Supreme Court.

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

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**AND/OR**

- (c) Evaluate the view that interest groups are more effective than political parties at influencing the outcome of presidential elections.

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

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 60 MARKS**  
**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 84 MARKS**



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