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A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

F853/01/I Contemporary US Government and Politics

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SECTION A

Answer the question in this section.

Use the source below and your own knowledge to answer Question 1.

Source for Question 1

Environmental policy provides a good case study of the complexity of the legislative process in the USA. Legislative proposals from the White House have faced great opposition from the Congress. Bipartisan support for new controls has greatly declined and proposed legislative amendments consistently threaten to undermine the Clean Air Act (1990). Furthermore, business interest groups have used their power and influence to campaign against further controls. Even those environmental laws that have been passed by the Congress have been altered by the courts.

- 1 (a) Outline the stages that a bill must go through to become a law in the USA. [10]
 (b) Explain why law making is so difficult in the USA. [15]

SECTION B

Answer **three** questions in this section.

- 2 To what extent do parties offer the electorate a clear ideological choice? [25]
 3 Assess the claim that pressure groups have made US government and politics pluralist. [25]
 4 To what extent is presidential failure inevitable? [25]
 5 To what extent has federalism changed over time? [25]
 6 Assess the claim that the Roberts Court has shown a clear ideological direction in its rulings. [25]
 7 To what extent does the nomination system for presidential candidates need to be reformed? [25]
 8 Discuss the view that some rights are better protected than others in the USA. [25]

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