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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

Attempts by the Congress to control campaign donations and spending have largely failed. This failure has had a great impact upon the campaigns of presidential candidates and the outcome of elections. The lack of effective controls has meant that candidates and other organisations such as Super PACs, can run their own campaigns which are vital in securing both the nomination and ultimately, the White House. Spending on TV advertisements was a marked feature of the 2016 campaign. Given the dealigned state of the electorate and the factors which influence voting behaviour, it could be argued money buys electoral success.

- 1 (a) Outline the role played by money in presidential campaigns. [10]
(b) Discuss the impact of the mass media on voting behaviour in the USA. [15]

SECTION B

Answer **three** questions in this section.

- 2 Discuss the view that there are significant ideological differences both between and within US political parties. [25]
- 3 Assess the claim that the key to pressure group success lies in exploiting the many access points in the US system of government. [25]
- 4 Discuss the view that the Executive Office of the President plays a more important role than the cabinet. [25]
- 5 Evaluate the claim that the US Constitution prevents effective government. [25]
- 6 Discuss the view that the important work of Congress is done in its committees. [25]
- 7 'The justices of the Supreme Court are politicians in robes.' Discuss. [25]
- 8 Assess the claim that the Bill of Rights alone does not provide an adequate protection of rights and liberties in the USA. [25]

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