

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Unit 4 Comparative UK/USA Government

GOV4

Friday 27 January 2006 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is GOV4.
- Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for questions (or part questions) are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

Advice

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.
- You are advised to spend the same amount of time on each question.

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Each question carries 40 marks.

1 Study the extract below and answer parts (a) to (c) which follow.

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- (a) Using the extract, explain the differences between a *codified* and an *uncodified* constitution. (8 marks)
- (b) Using the extract and your own knowledge, compare the ways in which citizens' rights are protected in the UK and the USA. (12 marks)
- (c) Compare the extent to which the power of governments in both the UK and the USA is constrained by their constitutions. (20 marks)

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 2 'Too big, too powerful and too uncontrolled by elected officials.'
Discuss with reference to the role of the federal bureaucracy in the USA and that of the civil service in the UK. *(40 marks)*
- 3 Consider the main factors which determine the successful passage of legislation in the UK Parliament and the US Congress. *(40 marks)*
- 4 'Politicians sitting on a Bench.'
To what extent does this description apply to the senior members of the judiciary in the UK and the USA? *(40 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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