



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2010

Government and Politics

GOV3C

Unit 3C Politics and Power

Monday 28 June 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black 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 GOV3C.
- Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions in each topic.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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 topic.

Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions in each topic.

Each topic carries 40 marks.

Topic 1 Power in Modern Society

- 0 1** Explain the concept of elitism. (10 marks)
- 0 2** 'In a pluralist democracy a government is little more than a referee.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Topic 2 Executive Power

- 0 3** How does the concept of the 'core executive' deepen our understanding of the policy process? (10 marks)
- 0 4** 'Government can only be effective when the executive can dominate the legislature.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Topic 3 Political Culture

- 0 5** Explain the difference between a subject and a participant political culture. (10 marks)
- 0 6** 'Class remains the dominant basis for social cleavage in UK political culture.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Topic 4 Britain in Europe

- 0 7** To what extent does the term 'Eurosceptic' describe a homogeneous group? (10 marks)
- 0 8** Discuss why the evolution of the European Union (originally the European Economic Community) has not been a smooth process. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS