



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
January 2011

Government and Politics

GOV3C

Unit 3C Politics and Power

Friday 21 January 2011 9.00am to 10.30am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-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 essential features of a totalitarian government. *(10 marks)*

0 2 'Political power is inevitably concentrated in the hands of elites.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

Topic 2 Executive Power

0 3 Argue the case for executive secrecy. *(10 marks)*

0 4 'Increasingly, modern executives are more concerned with image and presentation than with pursuing sound policy and government.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

Topic 3 Political Culture

0 5 Consider the case for multiculturalism. *(10 marks)*

0 6 'Political cultures are never static.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

Topic 4 Britain in Europe

0 7 Explain the concept of European citizenship. *(10 marks)*

0 8 'EU membership impacts significantly on the UK's political institutions.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS