



ADVANCED GCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Political Ideas and Concepts in Practice

F856



Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 16 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

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Morning

Duration: 2 hours



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your Answer Booklet.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to your Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- You will be awarded marks in all questions for the quality of written communication including legibility, clarity of expression, structure, and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions.

You will be rewarded for your ability to draw together knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of the course.

In answering each question you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of Politics of the UK and Political Ideas and Concepts, including their contemporary relevance in shaping the agenda for modern political issues. Where appropriate you should make reference to other political systems, as well as the European Union.

- 1 To what extent is the theory and practice of direct democracy relevant to modern politics? [50]
- 2 Discuss which model of the role of the state best describes the UK. [50]
- 3 Discuss how far there is a legitimisation crisis in modern democracy. [50]
- 4 Discuss the extent to which the UK can still be regarded as a fundamentally free society. [50]
- 5 Discuss the extent to which the principles behind civil disobedience can be used to justify modern direct action campaigns. [50]
- 6 Assess the legacy of Thatcherism on modern British politics. [50]
- 7 Assess whether democratic socialism still has a role to play in British politics. [50]
- 8 Discuss the view that environmentalism is becoming increasingly important in shaping the modern political agenda. [50]



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