

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
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Monday 31 January 2011
Morning

Duration: 2 hours



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure 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 Discuss whether UK democracy is more elitist than pluralist. [50]
- 2 Assess the impact of globalisation on the UK. [50]
- 3 Discuss which of Weber's models of authority is most applicable to UK politics. [50]
- 4 Evaluate how far the concept of equality of opportunity underpins politics and policy-making in the UK. [50]
- 5 Discuss how far models of obligation apply in practice. [50]
- 6 Assess how far the UK Conservative Party has been influenced by nationalist ideas. [50]
- 7 Assess whether it is any longer possible to talk of the 'triumph of liberal democracy'. [50]
- 8 Discuss the view that modern politics is non-ideological. [50]

Paper Total: [100]



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