

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Heads of Government and Politics

Date: September 2011

Subject: GCE Government and Politics Units F851, F852, F853, F854, F855 and F856

CHANGE OF EXAMINATION PAPER FORMAT FROM JANUARY 2012

The examination papers for GCE Government and Politics units F851, F852, F853, F854, F855 and F856 will be in the form of question and answer booklets from January 2012.

Candidates will write their answers in the booklets on the lines provided, normally after each question.

If a candidate needs to write more than the space allows, there is additional space at the end of the question and answer booklet. This space can be used for any question. If a candidate uses this additional space, the question number(s) must be clearly shown.

If a candidate uses all the additional space at the end of the question and answer booklet and therefore needs additional paper, it is acceptable to use supplementary answer sheets. The candidate name, candidate number and centre number should be clearly written on the supplementary answer sheets, answers clearly identified with the question number, and the sheets securely attached to the candidate's answer booklet.

For AS units F851 and F852, the sources for question 1 will be provided on a separate insert, so that candidates may refer to them as they write their answers to question 1.

For A2 units F853 and F854, all the questions and the sources for question 1 will be provided on a separate insert, so that candidates may refer to them as they write their answers.

There is no separate insert for A2 units F855 and F856, where candidates answer two questions from the eight questions on page 2 of the question and answer booklet.

Versions of the June 2011 examination papers and inserts have been made available in the new format on Interchange (OCR's secure website for teachers and Exams Officers). Teachers may like to show these versions to candidates or use them for mock examinations in order to familiarise candidates with the new format.

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