

**Tuesday 4 June 2013 – Morning**

**A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**F853/01** Contemporary US Government and Politics

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration: 2 hours**



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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- The Insert will be found in the centre of this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **Question 1** and **three** other questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined page(s) at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- 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 rewarded for your ability to draw together the knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of the course.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in this paper. This means for example you should:
  - ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear;
  - organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- This document consists of **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

<b>CONTENTS</b>	
<b>Question 1(a)</b>	<b>See page 3</b>
<b>Question 1(b)</b>	<b>See page 5</b>
<b>Questions 2 to 8 (answer any three)</b>	<b>See page 8</b>
<b>Additional answer space</b>	<b>See pages 19–20</b>

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**SECTION A**

Answer the question in this section.

Use the source below and your own knowledge to answer Question 1.

**Source for Question 1**

There has been considerable concern over the extent to which money buys influence in the United States. The need for campaign finance in both presidential and congressional elections and the impact of a recent Supreme Court ruling has meant that pressure groups have been able to establish close ties to the White House and the Congress. The fact is that campaign donations come with 'strings attached'. This has resulted in an elitist form of government with policies which have served the few rather than the many.

- 1 (a) Outline the types of pressure group to be found in the United States. [10]

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(b) Evaluate the extent to which pressure groups have contributed to an elitist form of government in the US today. [15]

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**Questions 2 to 8 begin on page 8**

**SECTION B**

Answer **three** questions in this section.

Write the numbers of the questions answered in the margin.

- 2 Discuss the reasons why the Electoral College has not been reformed. [25]
- 3 Evaluate the success of parties in the performance of their functions. [25]
- 4 Evaluate the role of the Roberts Court in the defence of rights and liberties. [25]
- 5 Assess the claim that the US Constitution is flexible. [25]
- 6 'The most important function of Congress is that of executive oversight.' Discuss. [25]
- 7 Discuss the view that the president has more control over foreign policy than domestic policy. [25]
- 8 Evaluate the impact of appointments to the Supreme Court since 2005. [25]

(Use this space for planning your answer(s).)

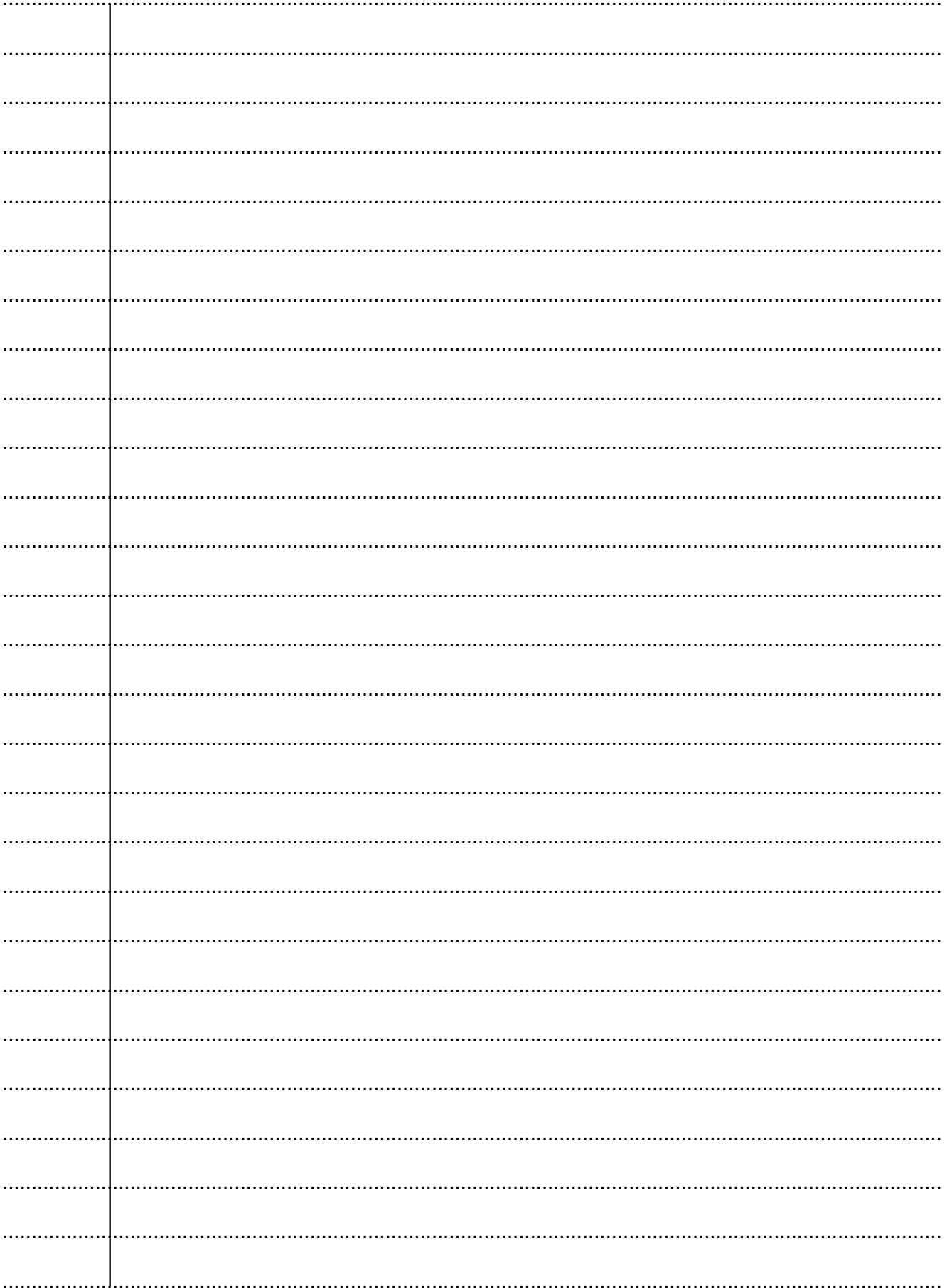


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**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

**ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE**

If additional answer space is required, you should use the following lined page(s). The question number(s) must be clearly shown in the margins.

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