



GCE A level

1403/02

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS – GP3b
UNIT 3b
POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

A.M. MONDAY, 11 June 2012

1½ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer any **TWO** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The maximum mark for this paper is 80.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

The time you spend on a question should be in proportion to the marks available.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in answers that involve extended writing (part *(b)* questions).

Answer two questions.

Each question is worth 40 marks.

Choose TWO of the questions that follow, and answer both parts, (a) and (b), for both the questions that you choose.

1. Liberalism

- (a) Explain why some liberals distrust the idea of democracy. [10]
- (b) Assess whether liberal thinking has had more impact on the Liberal Democratic Party than on any of the other political parties in the UK. [30]

2. Socialism

- (a) Explain why socialists reject the idea of private property ownership. [10]
- (b) ‘The main argument amongst socialists has been about means, and not ends.’ Discuss. [30]

3. Conservatism

- (a) Explain the importance of traditional institutions and values to conservatism. [10]
- (b) Evaluate the view that conservatism is more about the retention of power than about ideology. [30]

4. Nationalism

- (a) Explain why post-colonial nationalism is anti-western. [10]
- (b) ‘Nationalism is a destructive ideology.’ Discuss. [30]