



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
January 2010

Government and Politics

GOV3C

Unit 3C Politics and Power

Friday 22 January 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is GOV3C.
- Answer **two** questions from a choice of four.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.
- You are advised to spend the same amount of time on each question.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question carries 40 marks.

- 1 (a) Explain the concept of legitimate power in politics. *(10 marks)*
- (b) 'The holding of governmental office is no guarantee of political power.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*
- 2 (a) Outline the case for collective decision-making in government. *(10 marks)*
- (b) 'Different political leaders, who have held the same office, have used their powers differently.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*
- 3 (a) Examine the main agents of political socialisation. *(10 marks)*
- (b) 'No political system can be fully understood without reference to its political culture.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*
- 4 (a) Explain the term 'pooled sovereignty'. *(10 marks)*
- (b) 'The people and governments of the UK have never been comfortable with membership of the European Union.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS