



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2010

Government and Politics

GOV4B

Unit 4B Political Issues: Ideologies in Action

Wednesday 30 June 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 GOV4B.
- Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions in each topic.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work 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 topic.

Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions in each topic.

Each topic carries 40 marks.

Topic 1 Ethnicity and Gender

- 0 1** Explain what is meant by the term 'institutional racism'. *(10 marks)*
- 0 2** 'Feminism does not adhere to a simple left-wing or right-wing view of politics.'
Discuss. *(30 marks)*

Topic 2 The Environment

- 0 3** Examine the differences between environmentalism and ecologism. *(10 marks)*
- 0 4** 'We are all greens now.' Discuss the extent to which the mainstream political parties in the UK have come to embrace environmentalism. *(30 marks)*

Topic 3 Education

- 0 5** Why do many on the right of the political spectrum favour traditional teaching methods? *(10 marks)*
- 0 6** 'Educational reforms in recent years have been driven by pragmatism rather than ideology.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

Topic 4 The Economy

- 0 7** Explain why those on the left tend to prefer progressive rather than regressive taxation. *(10 marks)*
- 0 8** 'There are no significant differences between the economic policies of the major British political parties.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS