



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
January 2012

Government and Politics

GOV3C

Unit 3C Politics and Power

Tuesday 24 January 2012 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-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.
- Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions on 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 on each topic.

Each topic carries 40 marks.

Topic 1 Power in Modern Society

0 | 1 Explain the concept of elitism. *(10 marks)*

0 | 2 'In a pluralist democracy a government is little more than a referee.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

Topic 2 Executive Power

0 | 3 Analyse the functions of the executive arm of government. *(10 marks)*

0 | 4 'Excessive executive power is a threat to democratic government.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

Topic 3 Political Culture

0 | 5 Explain the concept of deference. *(10 marks)*

0 | 6 Analyse the factors that shape a political culture. *(30 marks)*

Topic 4 Britain in Europe

0 | 7 Explain the term 'pooled sovereignty'. *(10 marks)*

0 | 8 'The people and governments of the UK have never been comfortable with membership of the European Union.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS