



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
January 2012

## Government and Politics

## GOV4C

Unit 4C Perspectives on Modern Politics

Friday 27 January 2012 1.30pm to 3.00pm

**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 GOV4C.
- 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.

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

Each topic carries 40 marks.

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**Topic 1 Participation and Representation**

**0 | 1** Identify the arguments claiming that democracy is the most desirable form of government. *(10 marks)*

**0 | 2** 'Representative government does little to encourage active citizenship.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

**Topic 2 Globalisation**

**0 | 3** Explain the concept of the nation-state. *(10 marks)*

**0 | 4** 'In the contemporary world, transnational corporations are more powerful than governments.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

**Topic 3 Change and Continuity**

**0 | 5** Explain the difference between revolutionary change and evolutionary change in politics. *(10 marks)*

**0 | 6** 'In politics, proposals for reform and change will always come up against calls for tradition and continuity.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

**Topic 4 Territorial Politics**

**0 | 7** Explain the concept of sub-national governance. *(10 marks)*

**0 | 8** 'The devolution settlements for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have little in common.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**