



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
June 2012

## Government and Politics

## GOV4B

**Unit 4B Political Issues: Ideologies in Action**

**Thursday 14 June 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 GOV4B.
- 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.
- Use continuous prose.

### **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 Ethnicity and Gender**

- 0 | 1** Examine the differences between integration and assimilation. *(10 marks)*
- 0 | 2** 'Feminism has no relevance in 21st century politics.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

**Topic 2 The Environment**

- 0 | 3** Explain what is meant by the phrase 'joined-up government' in the context of environmental policy. *(10 marks)*
- 0 | 4** Evaluate the view that the failure of international environmental initiatives means that it is time to 'think globally but act locally'. *(30 marks)*

**Topic 3 Education**

- 0 | 5** Argue the ideological case against private education. *(10 marks)*
- 0 | 6** 'UK education policy since the 1980s has owed more to electoral politics than to ideology.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

**Topic 4 The Economy**

- 0 | 7** Briefly explain why governments have found it so difficult to deliver low inflation alongside low unemployment. *(10 marks)*
- 0 | 8** 'The main UK parties are now all committed to free-market economics.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**