

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT  
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

Government and Politics (US Option)

**TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2007**

**2698**

Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (16 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answers should be written in continuous prose.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to the answer booklet.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your answer booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question.
- The maximum mark for this paper is **120**. Each question is worth **60** marks.
- This is a synoptic unit. You will be awarded marks for your ability to draw together the knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of this course.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication including clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.

Answer **two** questions.

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*In answering each question, you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of the Government and Politics of both the United States and the UK. Where appropriate, you should also make references to other political systems, as well as the European Union.*

- 1 Contrast the importance of judicial appointments in different political systems. [60]
- 2 Analyse the factors which determine the effectiveness of different interest groups. [60]
- 3 Evaluate the claim that the number of parties in a political system is largely determined by the electoral system used. [60]
- 4 Discuss the view that prime ministerial and presidential forms of government are essentially similar. [60]
- 5 Analyse the view that money and media play too great a role in modern electoral politics. [60]
- 6 Discuss the effectiveness of constitutional checks and balances in different political systems. [60]
- 7 Contrast the effectiveness of legislatures in representing their electors. [60]
- 8 Discuss the view that rights and liberties are best defended when entrenched in a bill of rights or constitution. [60]

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