

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT**

**2699**

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

Government and Politics: Political Ideas and Concepts Option

**TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2007**

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 on the answer booklet.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the answer booklet provided.
- 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 both the Government and Politics of the UK and Political Ideas and Concepts. Where appropriate, you should also make references to other political systems, as well as the European Union.*

- 1 Examine the claim that in practice there is more to democracy than elections. [60]
- 2 Evaluate the claim that people's democracies are more democratic than liberal democracies. [60]
- 3 Assess to what extent the Third Way owes more to conservatism than socialism. [60]
- 4 Examine the claim that power is too centralised in modern governments. [60]
- 5 Assess the extent to which pressure groups are increasingly the main source of political participation for citizens. [60]
- 6 Discuss the view that there has been an erosion of civil liberties in modern democracies. [60]
- 7 Assess which model of representation in practice best describes the role of elected representatives. [60]
- 8 Discuss the view that in practice liberal democracies are more liberal than democratic. [60]

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