

# ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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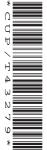
**THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2008** 

Afternoon

[Turn over

Time: 1 hour

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer three questions.
- 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 for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 120.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication including clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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### **GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

## Answer three questions.

1	(a)	Explain what is meant by 'statute law' and 'convention'.	[12]
	(b)	Discuss the view that statute law is the most important source of the British constitution.	[28]
2	(a)	Explain what is meant by 'the backbenches' and 'the opposition' in the House of Comm	ons. [12]
	(b)	Discuss the view that the opposition plays no useful role in the House of Commons.	[28]
3	(a)	Outline the role of higher civil servants in a government department.	[12]
	(b)	Discuss the view that higher civil servants have a major influence on policy-making.	[28]
4	(a)	Outline the main features of judicial review in the United Kingdom.	[12]
	(b)	Discuss the view that judicial review is of little importance in the British system of government	nent. [28]
5	(a)	Outline the aims and purpose of the European Union.	[12]
	(b)	Discuss the view that the Maastricht Treaty has been the most important development in European Union since 1990.	the [28]

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