

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE  
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

Government of the UK

**FRIDAY 23 MAY 2008**

**2597**

Morning  
Time: 1 hour

**Additional materials (enclosed):** Answer Booklet (8 page)

**Additional materials (required):**  
None



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **three** questions.
- 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.
- 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 'the separation of powers'. [12]  
(b) Discuss the view that the British system of government would be improved if there was a greater separation of powers. [28]
- 2 (a) Outline the role of the whips in the House of Commons. [12]  
(b) Discuss the view that MPs should always support their party in the House of Commons. [28]
- 3 (a) Outline the role of the cabinet in British government. [12]  
(b) Discuss the view that the cabinet is of little importance in the British system of government. [28]
- 4 (a) Outline the main features of the higher judiciary. [12]  
(b) Discuss the method by which the higher judiciary are appointed. [28]
- 5 (a) Explain what a constitution is. [12]  
(b) Discuss the constitutional impact that membership of the European Union has had on the United Kingdom. [28]

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