

ADVANCED GCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Government and Politics (US Option)
FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2008

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Morning
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials (enclosed): Answer Booklet (16 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.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** 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**. 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.

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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.

You are advised to spend 45 minutes on each question.

- 1 Compare and contrast the most important influences on voting behaviour in different elections. [60]
- 2 Discuss the view that political parties no longer matter. [60]
- 3 Assess the effectiveness of legislatures in passing legislation. [60]
- 4 Discuss the methods by which rights and liberties are best protected in different political systems. [60]
- 5 Assess the merits of an unwritten constitution. [60]
- 6 Discuss the advantages of a presidential executive over a cabinet-based executive. [60]
- 7 Examine the view that pressure groups undermine representative democracy. [60]
- 8 Contrast the power of judiciaries in different political systems. [60]

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