

**ADVANCED GCE**

**2699**

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

Government and Politics (Political ideas and concepts option)

**FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2008**

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.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the Answer Booklet provided.
- 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 that 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 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 Assess whether the advantages of democracy outweigh its disadvantages in theory and in practice. [60]
- 2 Examine the extent to which freedom of action and expression is under threat in modern democracies. [60]
- 3 Examine what, if anything, is meant by the term 'new conservatism'. [60]
- 4 Examine the extent to which modern democracies suffer from democratic deficit. [60]
- 5 Discuss the view that political parties are no longer as important to modern democracy. [60]
- 6 Assess whether the cultural characteristics of a liberal democracy are more important than its institutions and procedures. [60]
- 7 Examine the view that referendums are increasingly important in modern democracy. [60]
- 8 Assess whether modern democracy is more elitist than pluralistic in practice. [60]

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