



**ADVANCED GCE**  
**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**  
 US Government and Politics

**F855**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 16 page Answer Booklet

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Monday 1 February 2010**  
**Morning**

**Duration: 2 hours**



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to your 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 or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- You will be awarded marks in all questions for the quality of written communication including legibility, clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions

*You will be rewarded for your ability to draw together the knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of this course.*

*In answering each question, you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of Politics of both the UK and the United States. Where appropriate, you should also make reference to other political systems, as well as to the European Union.*

- 1 Discuss the view that the state of the economy is the most important influence upon voting behaviour. [50]
- 2 Contrast the roles of third and minor parties in different political systems. [50]
- 3 Assess the claim that pressure groups undermine democratic government. [50]
- 4 Examine the view that rights and liberties are under threat today. [50]
- 5 Discuss the view that devolved power has all the advantages of a unitary system but none of the disadvantages of federalism. [50]
- 6 To what extent do legislatures control the work of the executive? [50]
- 7 Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a single executive over a plural executive constituted by a group of ministers. [50]
- 8 Discuss the view that while judicial independence is essential in a democratic system, it is rarely achieved. [50]

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