

ADVANCED GCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Political Ideas and Concepts in Practice

F856

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 16 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Thursday 16 June 2011
Afternoon

Duration: 2 hours



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your answer booklet.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to your answer booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

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 knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of the course.

In answering each question you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of Politics of the UK and Political Ideas and Concepts, including their contemporary relevance in shaping the agenda for modern political issues. Where appropriate you should make reference to other political systems, as well as the European Union.

- 1 Discuss what, if anything, makes the UK a liberal democracy. [50]
- 2 Assess the implications of devolution for the UK as a nation state. [50]
- 3 Assess which model of political power is most applicable to UK politics. [50]
- 4 Discuss the impact of 9/11 and subsequent terrorist events on the balance between rights and responsibilities in modern Western democracies. [50]
- 5 Assess the importance of an independent judiciary in theory and in practice. [50]
- 6 To what extent is the modern Conservative Party ideological? [50]
- 7 Discuss the view that the Labour Party has never been a true socialist party. [50]
- 8 Assess whether religious fundamentalism has any relevance to UK politics. [50]

Paper Total: [100]



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