

Monday 8 June 2015 – Afternoon

A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

F854/01 Political Ideas and Concepts

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Other materials required:

None

Duration: 2 hours



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- The Insert will be found in the centre of this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **Question 1** and **three** other questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- 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 rewarded for your ability to draw together the knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of the course.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in this paper. This means, for example, you should:
 - ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear;
 - organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- This document consists of **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Question 1(a)	See page 3
Question 1(b)	See page 5
Questions 2 to 8 (answer any three)	See page 8
Additional answer space	See pages 19–20

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In answering each question, you are expected to cover relevant political ideas and, where appropriate, make reference to the views of political thinkers.

SECTION A

Answer the question in this section.

Use the source below and your own knowledge to answer Question 1.

Source for Question 1

Mao Tse Tung stated, 'Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.' This suggests that power, in a political sense, can be linked to force, and therefore requires governments to exercise military as well as law-making powers. Political theorists have debated the legitimacy of the use of power, with many differentiating power from authority. Within a liberal democracy, there is a tendency to focus upon power in relation to decision-making, but Steven Lukes argues that there are other forms of power as well, most notably agenda-setting and thought control.

1 (a) Explain the meaning of political power. **[10]**

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SECTION B

Answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 'Tyranny of the majority' is the most important argument against democracy. Discuss. [25]
- 3 'External sovereignty is the most important factor in the continued existence of a nation state.' Discuss. [25]
- 4 Assess the validity of the criticisms of negative liberty. [25]
- 5 Assess the legitimacy of civil disobedience in a democracy. [25]
- 6 'Rejection of capitalism is the most important principle of socialism.' Discuss. [25]
- 7 'Conservatism and nationalism are fundamentally the same.' Discuss. [25]
- 8 To what extent is religious fundamentalism ideological? [25]

(You may use this space for planning your answer(s).)

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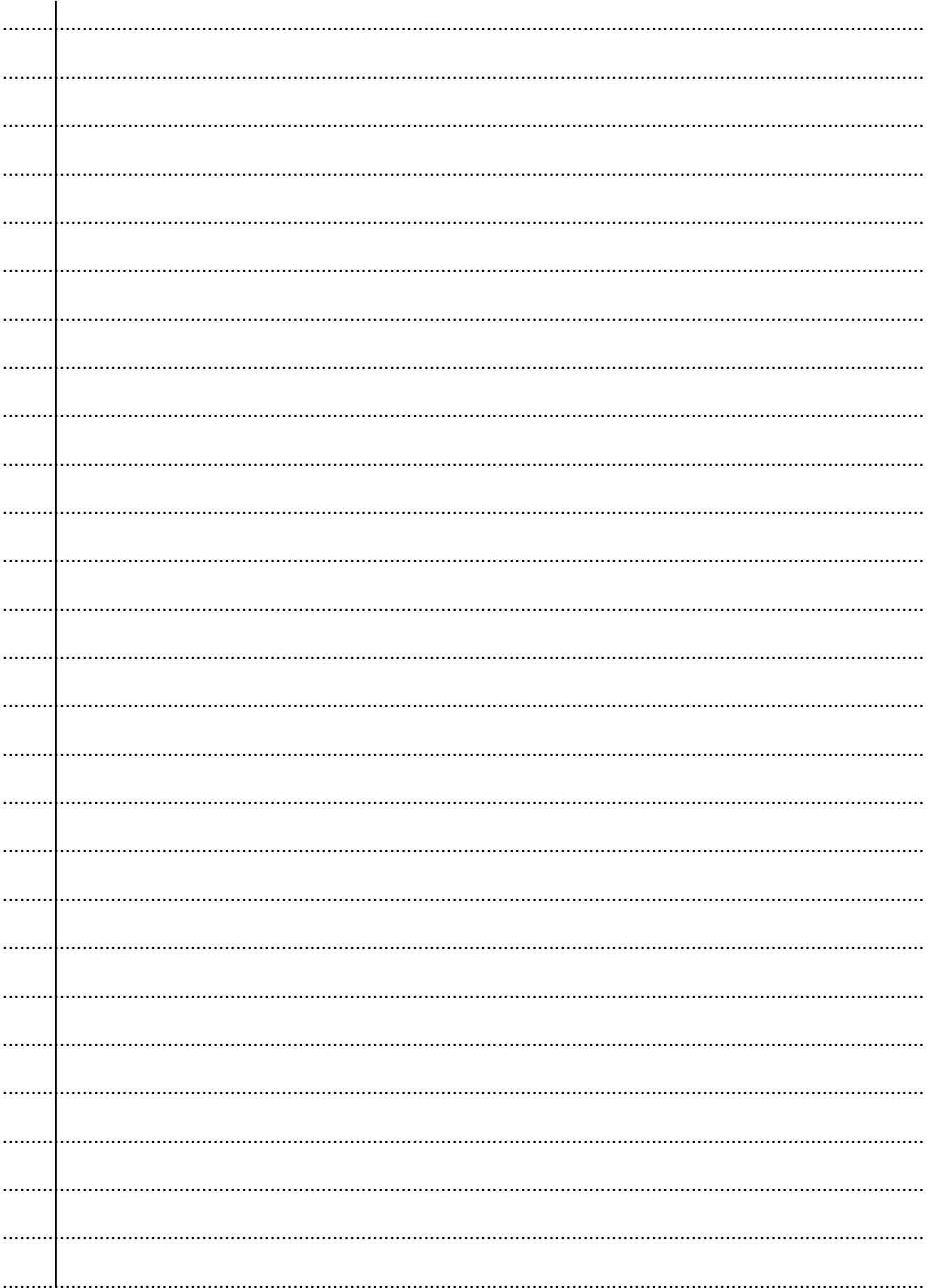
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