

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Teachers of A2 Government and Politics

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Subject: A2 Government and Politics Specimen Assessment Materials for Units F853/F854

UPDATED SPECIMEN ASSESSMENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR NEW A2 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS UNITS F853/F854

The specimen assessment materials have been updated for Unit F853 Contemporary US Government and Politics and Unit F854 Political Ideas and Concepts.

The changes are minor. They include amendments to the layout and instructions, and the addition of one question. The total number of questions on the paper is 8, comprising one compulsory question in Section A and 7 questions in Section B from which candidates answer any 3. Candidates therefore answer 4 questions, including the compulsory question, from the total of 8 on the question paper.

The updated specimen assessment materials are available on the OCR website:

http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/type/gce/hss/gov_pol/documents/index.aspx.

As stated in the specification, candidates “are required to answer question 1 which will be structured and contain a stimulus, and may be drawn from any of the 8 topic areas covered by the unit.” Candidates are expected to have covered the 8 topic areas in these units prior to assessment. The compulsory question will relate to a mainstream aspect of a topic. Teachers may find it useful to look at the schemes of work and lesson plans in the support materials for the units, and these are also available on the OCR website via the link above.

Any enquiry about this notice should be referred to the OCR Customer Contact Centre, (01223 553998), OCR, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU.