



GCE A level

1404/02



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GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS – GP4b
Challenges in Contemporary Politics

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 17 June 2015

1 hour 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer any **TWO** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The maximum mark for this paper is 80.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

The time you spend on a question should be in proportion to the marks available.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in answers that involve extended writing (part *(b)* questions).

Answer two questions.

Each question is worth 40 marks.

*Choose **TWO** of the questions that follow, and answer both parts, (a) and (b), for both the questions that you choose.*

1. Globalisation

- (a) Explain how globalisation affects Britain's evolving world position. [10]
- (b) Discuss whether the global influence and impact of corporations and NGOs are more positive than negative. [30]

2. Environmentalism

- (a) Explain why political parties, other than the Green Party, have not really embraced Green issues. [10]
- (b) 'The challenges of consumerism and capitalism are too great for Environmentalism to ever succeed.' Discuss. [30]

3. Feminism

- (a) Explain the impact of increasing female political representation. [10]
- (b) Evaluate whether public attitudes have now changed sufficiently for feminism to have no purpose. [30]

4. Multiculturalism

- (a) Explain why tackling institutional racism is important in multiculturalism. [10]
- (b) Assess whether the most effective way of achieving multiculturalism is through major legislation to protect minority rights. [30]

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