
A-Level POLITICS PAPER 1

Government and politics of the UK

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer **all** questions from sections A and B.
- Answer **either** question 5 **or** question 6 from section C.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked. Do **not** tear out any part of the book. All work must be handed in.
- If you use more than one book, check that you have written the information required on each book.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
 - The maximum mark for this paper is 77.
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Section A - Short Questions

Answer questions 1, 2 and 3

1 Explain and analyse the significance of three sources of the British constitution.

[9 marks]

2 Explain and analyse three ways in which pressure groups seek to influence government policy.

[9 marks]

3 Explain and analyse three factors that can influence voting behaviour.

[9 marks]

Turn over for the next question

Section B - Extract Question

Read the extract below and answer question 4 that follows.

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- 4** Analyse, evaluate and compare the arguments in the above article over a cap on individual donations to political parties.

[25 marks]

Turn over for the next question

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Section C - Essay Question

Answer **either** question 5 **or** question 6

In your answer you should draw on material from across the whole range of your course of study in Politics.

Either

- 5** 'There are many factors that can give the prime minister power over cabinet colleagues.'
Analyse and evaluate this statement. **[25 marks]**

Or

- 6** 'Despite their weaknesses select committees play an increasingly central role in British Politics.'
Analyse and evaluate this statement. **[25 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS