

**Monday 11 June 2012 – Morning**

**A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**F853/01** Contemporary US Government and Politics

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

**OCR supplied materials:**

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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.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication including clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- This document consists of **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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<b>Question 1(a)</b>	<b>See page 3</b>
<b>Question 1(b)</b>	<b>See page 5</b>
<b>Questions 2 to 8 (answer any three)</b>	<b>See page 7</b>
<b>Additional lined pages</b>	<b>See pages 18–19</b>

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**SECTION B**

Answer **three** questions in this section.

Write the number of the questions answered in the margin.

- 2 Discuss the view that the economy is the most important influence on voting behaviour in presidential elections. [25]
- 3 To what extent do third parties play a significant role in US politics? [25]
- 4 Discuss the view that pressure groups need more than money to be successful. [25]
- 5 Assess the claim that states are increasingly reliant upon the federal government. [25]
- 6 To what extent does Congress lack effective leadership? [25]
- 7 Assess the view that the cabinet plays an important role in assisting the president. [25]
- 8 Assess the claim that first amendment rights are well protected in the US today. [25]

(Use this space for planning your answer(s).)

Write the number of each question answered in the margin.

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**ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE**

If additional answer space is required, you should use the following lined page(s). The question number(s) must be clearly shown in the margins.

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