

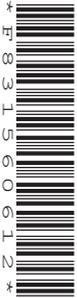
**Monday 11 June 2012 – Morning**

**A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

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

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**SECTION A**

Answer the question in this section.

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

**Source for Question 1**

George W Bush's two appointments to the Supreme Court had more of an impact upon the political outlook of the Court than the two made by President Obama in his first term. This can be explained by considering the balance of the voting blocs on the Court. President Bush had the opportunity to leave a greater legacy upon the Court as he was able to nominate a justice with a similar political outlook to his own at a time when the retiring justice had different ideological views.

- 1 (a) Outline the process for appointing justices to the Supreme Court. [10]  
 (b) To what extent has the Roberts Court favoured judicial restraint over judicial activism? [15]

**SECTION B**

Answer **three** questions in this section.

- 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]

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