

**Thursday 14 June 2012 – Morning**

**A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**F855/01 US Government and Politics**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

**OCR supplied materials:**

None

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration: 2 hours**



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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- 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 **two** 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. Additional paper may be used if necessary but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).
- 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 this 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.

Answer **two** questions.

*In answering each question, you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of Politics of both the UK and the United States. Where appropriate, you should make reference to other political systems, as well as the European Union.*

- 1 Discuss the view that proportional representation is the only democratic alternative to first past the post. [50]
- 2 Discuss the view that political parties no longer matter. [50]
- 3 Analyse the factors which explain the increased importance of pressure group activity. [50]
- 4 Discuss the view that rights today need greater protection. [50]
- 5 Assess the claim that devolution and federalism create unnecessary levels of government. [50]
- 6 Assess the effectiveness of legislatures in passing legislation. [50]
- 7 Discuss the view that the power of executives is determined by constitutional arrangements. [50]
- 8 Discuss the view that the increased power of judiciaries is a cause for democratic concern. [50]

**Paper Total: [100]**

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