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A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

F856/01 Political Ideas and Concepts in Practice

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR supplied materials:
None

Other materials required:
None

Duration: 2 hours

Candidate forename		Candidate surname	

Centre number						Candidate number				

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.
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Answer **two** questions.

In answering each question, you are expected to cover relevant political ideas and concepts and, where appropriate, make reference to the views of political thinkers.

1 Discuss whether the resemblance model of representation best suits the needs of a representative democracy. **[50]**

2 Assess the extent to which UK sovereignty is under threat. **[50]**

3 Discuss whether civic culture is still healthy in the UK. **[50]**

4 Discuss the view that positive liberty is increasingly more important to modern politics than negative liberty. **[50]**

5 Discuss whether deterrence is the most important model of punishment used to shape party policies on crime in the UK. **[50]**

6 Discuss the significance of nationalist parties in the UK. **[50]**

7 Compare and contrast contemporary socialist and liberal attitudes towards welfare issues. **[50]**

8 "Gender imbalance is irrelevant in modern UK politics." Discuss. **[50]**

Paper Total: [100]

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Write the number of each question answered in the margin.

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