

Tuesday 29 January 2013 – Afternoon

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 the course.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in this paper. This means for example you should:
 - ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear;
 - organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- 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 no single theory provides an adequate explanation of voting behaviour. **[50]**

- 2 Assess the claim that the nature of party systems in modern democracies is mostly determined by the electoral system used. **[50]**

- 3 'Whereas pressure groups threaten democracy in the USA, they strengthen it elsewhere.' Discuss. **[50]**

- 4 To what extent are governments more concerned with the rights of the majority whereas judiciaries protect those of the individual? **[50]**

- 5 'The experience of other countries suggests that the UK now needs a written constitution.' Discuss. **[50]**

- 6 'Scrutiny of the executive has become the most important function of legislatures.' Discuss. **[50]**

- 7 Discuss the view that the power of executives in modern democracies is largely determined by their level of public support. **[50]**

- 8 'The constraints upon judiciaries ensure that their powers are not a threat to democracy.' Discuss. **[50]**

Write the number of each question in the margin.

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