

ADVANCED GCE

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Contemporary US Government and Politics

F853

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

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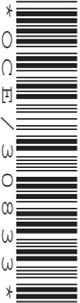
- 16 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Monday 13 June 2011
Afternoon

Duration: 2 hours



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer Question 1 and **three** other questions.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your answer booklet.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to your answer booklet.
- 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 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 **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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.

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 also make reference to other political systems, as well as to the European Union.

Section A

Answer the question in this section.

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

Source for Question 1

The president is often regarded as the principal force behind changes in federal-state relations. Since the 'Dual' or 'Classical' federalism of the Founding Fathers, various types of federalism have been associated with a particular president. 'Cooperative federalism' is linked to President FD Roosevelt's New Deal, and 'New federalism' with President Nixon. However, there are a range of factors which can influence federal-state relations. Recently, the Rehnquist Court was said to have been the architect of a 'federalism revolution' and the Congress too, with Republican majorities, has had a significant role to play.

- 1 (a) Outline **three** types of federalism. [10]
- (b) Account for the changes in federal-state relations since 1992. [15]

Section B

Answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 Evaluate the factors which influence the outcome of mid-term congressional elections. [25]
- 3 Discuss the view that third parties are doomed to fail. [25]
- 4 To what extent is the effectiveness of a pressure group determined by its membership? [25]
- 5 To what extent can the Senate and House of Representatives be regarded as co-equal chambers? [25]
- 6 Discuss the view that the most important power of the president is that of persuasion. [25]
- 7 To what extent do the rulings of the Supreme Court suggest that the judiciary is independent? [25]
- 8 Assess the view that the Bill of Rights no longer adequately protects the rights of Americans. [25]

Paper Total: [100]

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