



**ADVANCED GCE**  
**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**  
 Political Ideas and Concepts in Practice

**F856**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 16 page Answer Booklet

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Monday 1 February 2010**  
**Morning**

**Duration: 2 hours**



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** 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 in all questions for the quality of written communication including legibility, clarity of expression, structure, and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions.

*You will be rewarded for your ability to draw together knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of the course.*

*In answering each question you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of Politics of the UK and Political Ideas and Concepts, including their contemporary relevance in shaping the agenda for modern political issues. Where appropriate you should make reference to other political systems, as well as the European Union.*

- 1 Discuss which model of representation best suits the needs of a representative democracy. [50]
- 2 To what extent has devolution and membership of the European Union undermined parliamentary sovereignty in the UK? [50]
- 3 Assess how far power in the UK is held by a permanent ruling elite. [50]
- 4 Assess the extent to which the modern welfare state achieves social justice in the UK. [50]
- 5 Assess the influence of the models of punishment in shaping party policies towards crime in the UK. [50]
- 6 Discuss the significance of right-wing nationalist parties in the UK. [50]
- 7 Assess how far liberalism is the core ideology of mainstream politics in the UK. [50]
- 8 Discuss the significance of the gender imbalance in British politics. [50]



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