

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

**F854**

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 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 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 **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

*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.*

**Section A**

Answer the question in this section.

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

**Source for Question 1**

The rule of law is perceived to be one of the most important principles behind any liberal-democratic state. Citizens of a state are considered to have an obligation to obey the laws of the state, and if they fail to do so the state is considered justified in punishing this law breaking. Political thinkers, however, differ over the purpose of punishment, and their ideas fall mainly into three categories: retribution, deterrence and rehabilitation. Each model places a different emphasis upon the purpose of punishment as well as prioritising the needs of the victim, state and offender.

- 1 (a) Outline what is meant by the concept of punishment. [10]
- (b) Compare and contrast different models of punishment. [15]

**Section B**

Answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 Compare and contrast rival theories of the state. [25]
- 3 Discuss how similar are the concepts of power and authority. [25]
- 4 Discuss whether the principles behind human rights should be applied to animals. [25]
- 5 Discuss how different are the concepts of direct and indirect democracy. [25]
- 6 Assess the extent of similarity between conservatism and nationalism. [25]
- 7 Discuss the view that egalitarianism is the most important principle of socialism. [25]
- 8 Discuss the view that the different forms of feminism have fundamentally the same aims. [25]

**Paper Total: [100]**

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