



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

**F854**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

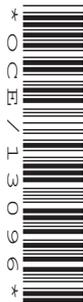
- 16 page Answer Booklet

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Monday 28 June 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 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**

Political authority is often seen as a specific branch of power. Politicians talk about acquiring authority from a variety of different sources, most notably via the consent of the electorate. Yet the extent of authority a politician enjoys varies enormously, dependent upon a variety of factors including their personality and the circumstances in which they find themselves. According to the German writer Max Weber (1864–1920) there are three main types of authority: traditional, legal-rational and charismatic.

*Original material*

- 1 (a) Explain what is meant by the term 'authority'. [10]
- (b) Compare and contrast Weber's three forms of authority. [15]

**Section B**

Answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 Assess the arguments in favour of democracy. [25]
- 3 Discuss which characteristic best defines the concept of the nation state. [25]
- 4 Compare and contrast negative with positive liberty. [25]
- 5 To what extent do natural duty and social contract theories of obligation differ? [25]
- 6 Discuss whether nationalism is more than just self-determination. [25]
- 7 Discuss the extent of similarity between democratic and revolutionary forms of socialism. [25]
- 8 Discuss the view that religious fundamentalism can be seen as merely a reaction to the expansion of modern liberal values. [25]

**Paper Total: [100]**

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