



ADVANCED GCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Political Ideas and Concepts

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 16 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

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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

A much disputed question in political science is where the sovereignty of the state is located. Does it reside in a legislature which is empowered to make statutes that can override rules of common law or repeal earlier statutes? Or in a supreme court that can determine whether an Act of Legislature is constitutional? Or does it reside in the constitution itself, or in the body that is empowered to amend the constitution? Hence we hear of 'the sovereignty of Parliament' or sometimes of 'popular sovereignty.'

Problems of Political Philosophy, D D Raphael

- 1 (a) Explain what is meant by the following terms:
- (i) parliamentary sovereignty [5]
 - (ii) popular sovereignty [5]
- (b) Compare and contrast legal and political sovereignty. [15]

Section B

Answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 To what extent are democracy and dictatorship different? [25]
- 3 Discuss the extent to which political power is based upon the concept of decision-making. [25]
- 4 Compare and contrast legal and moral rights. [25]
- 5 Discuss the arguments in favour of civil disobedience. [25]
- 6 Discuss how far New Right theories are essentially conservative. [25]
- 7 Discuss whether there is more to liberalism than the safeguarding of individual rights and liberties. [25]
- 8 Compare and contrast deep and shallow ecologism. [25]

Paper Total: [100]

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