

ADVANCED GCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
US Government and Politics

F855

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 16 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

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Morning

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 **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 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.

- 1 To what extent does the media determine the outcome of elections? [50]
- 2 Analyse the view that parties sacrifice their principles in order to win elections. [50]
- 3 Examine the effectiveness of direct action and public protest as a means of pressure groups achieving success. [50]
- 4 Evaluate the claim that judiciaries alone are unable to provide an adequate protection of rights and liberties. [50]
- 5 Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of written constitutions. [50]
- 6 Contrast the effectiveness of legislatures in fulfilling their representative function. [50]
- 7 “A strong executive is vital for the effective formulation and delivery of policy.” Discuss. [50]
- 8 Examine the importance of the judicial selection and appointment process in securing an independent judiciary. [50]

Paper Total: [100]



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