

**Friday 27 January 2012 – Afternoon**

**A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**F855/01** US Government and Politics

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

**OCR supplied materials:**

None

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration: 2 hours**



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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. Additional paper may be used if necessary but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).
- 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 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.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication including clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- This document consists of **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions.

*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 make reference to other political systems, as well as the European Union.*

- 1 Assess the view that money plays too important a role in modern elections. [50]
- 2 "Parties no longer provide ideological choice." Discuss. [50]
- 3 To what extent is the power and influence of a pressure group determined by its membership? [50]
- 4 Evaluate the role of legislatures in the protection of rights and liberties. [50]
- 5 "The experience of the USA clearly illustrates why the UK is in need of a written constitution." Discuss. [50]
- 6 To what extent do legislatures fulfil their representative function? [50]
- 7 Analyse the factors which make chief executives successful. [50]
- 8 Discuss why the judicial appointment process is of such importance in a democracy. [50]

**Paper Total: [100]**

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