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A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

F854/01/1 Political Ideas and Concepts

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In answering each question, you are expected to cover relevant political ideas and concepts and, where appropriate, make reference to the views of political thinkers.

Section A

Answer the question in this section.

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

Source for Question 1

Conservatism is seen as one of the most influential ideologies in British and European politics. Its origins in British politics date back largely to a reaction against the events of the French Revolution, and, in particular, it was shaped by the writings of Edmund Burke (1729–1797). Ironically, Burke was not a member of the Tory grouping in Parliament, the forerunner to the modern British Conservative Party: he was a Whig, one of the groups that later helped to found the modern British Liberal Party. European conservatism is seen as more reactionary than British conservatism, with many theorists favouring rule by the church and monarchy.

- 1 (a) Outline what is meant by conservatism. [10]
 (b) Compare and contrast One-Nation conservatism with the New Right. [15]

Section B

Answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 Assess the arguments **against** democracy. [25]
 3 Compare and contrast internal with external sovereignty. [25]
 4 Discuss how similar are Weber's three types of authority. [25]
 5 To what extent are the concepts of liberty and equality compatible? [25]
 6 Assess the arguments **against** civil disobedience. [25]
 7 Compare and contrast democratic socialism with social democracy. [25]
 8 Discuss the view that the most important feature of religious fundamentalism is anti-modernism. [25]



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