

**ADVANCED GCE****GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

Government and Politics (US Option)

**2698**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 16 page Answer Booklet

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Wednesday 30 June 2010  
Morning****Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes**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 **two** questions.
- Answers should be written in continuous prose.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of 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 **120**.
- This is a synoptic unit. You will be awarded marks 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 **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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*In answering each question, you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of the Government and Politics of both the United States and the UK. Where appropriate, you should also make references to other political systems, as well as the European Union.*

- 1 Discuss the view that the ability to manage the media is now the key to electoral success. [60]
- 2 To what extent are political parties democratic organisations? [60]
- 3 Discuss the view that the reaction to 9/11 has had a seriously damaging effect on the rights and liberties of citizens. [60]
- 4 Evaluate the importance of constitutions. [60]
- 5 Discuss the view that legislatures fail to check executives effectively. [60]
- 6 Assess the view that executives often have too few powers to perform their duties effectively. [60]
- 7 Discuss whether judiciaries should be involved in political issues. [60]
- 8 Analyse the factors which determine the effectiveness of different pressure groups. [60]



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