

ADVANCED GCE

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Government and Politics (Political Ideas and Concepts Option)

2699

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 16 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

- None

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Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name 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 both Government and Politics of the UK and Political Ideas and Concepts. Where appropriate, you should also make references to other political systems, as well as the European Union.

- 1 Examine what makes a political system democratic. [60]
- 2 Compare and contrast New Right and Marxist views on the operation of modern democracy. [60]
- 3 Assess whether free and fair elections are the most important feature of a liberal democracy. [60]
- 4 Discuss whether referendums are beneficial to representative democracy. [60]
- 5 Assess to what extent the Third Way owes more to conservatism than socialism. [60]
- 6 Discuss the importance of international human rights statements in guaranteeing the rights of citizens. [60]
- 7 Discuss where, in reality, UK sovereignty resides. [60]
- 8 Discuss the extent to which different views on human nature shape party ideologies and policies. [60]



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