

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

US Government and Politics

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

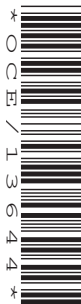
OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

Monday 28 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 **three** 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 **90**.
- 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.

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Answer **three** questions.

- 1 To what extent did the nominations of McCain and Obama strengthen the case for reforming the method of choosing presidential candidates? [30]
- 2 Discuss the view that there are more differences within than between the two main parties in the US today. [30]
- 3 Assess the claim that pressure groups weaken rather than strengthen democracy in the USA. [30]
- 4 Examine the reasons for the changes in the balance of power between federal and state governments since 1980. [30]
- 5 Assess the importance of committees in the work of the Congress. [30]
- 6 To what extent does the Executive Office (EXOP) help or hinder the president? [30]
- 7 Evaluate the factors which influence appointments to the Supreme Court. [30]
- 8 Discuss which branch of federal government has been the most effective defender of rights and liberties in the US. [30]

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