



**GCE A LEVEL**

**1160U40-1**

**WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2024 – AFTERNOON**

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS – A2 unit 4**

**Government and politics of the USA**

**2 hours 30 minutes plus your additional time allowance**

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

**A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.**

**SECTION A: Answer BOTH Question 1 AND Question 2.**

**SECTION B: Answer TWO questions from Question 3,  
Question 4 OR Question 5.**

**SECTION C: Answer Question 6.**

**Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.**

**Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.**

**Write the question number in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer.**

**Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.**

**(Turn over)**

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.**

**The quality of your written communication, including appropriate use of punctuation and grammar, will be assessed in your answers to Section B and Section C questions.**

## **SECTION A**

**In Section A, you must answer BOTH questions.**

**In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, and also your ability to interpret and apply political information.**

- 01. Explain the impact of the filibuster on the work of the US Congress. [16 marks]**
  
- 02. Explain the impact of incumbency on voting behaviour in US elections. [16 marks]**

**(Turn over)**

## **SECTION B**

**In Section B, you must answer TWO questions.**

**In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, and also your ability to analyse and evaluate.**

- 03. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Electoral College. [24 marks]**
  
- 04. Evaluate the balance of power between the federal and state governments in the USA. [24 marks]**
  
- 05. 'The Supreme Court is effective at protecting the rights of US citizens.' Discuss. [24 marks]**

**(Turn over)**

**SECTION C**

**In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, your ability to interpret and apply political information, and your ability to analyse and evaluate.**

- 06. 'The principles that underpin America's democracy remain important in today's America.'  
Discuss this view. [40 marks]**

**END OF PAPER**