



GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW

2160U20-1

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS – AS unit 2

Living and participating in a democracy

MONDAY, 4 JUNE 2018 – AFTERNOON

1 hour 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.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided or on a separate answer sheet if preferred.

SECTION A:

Answer BOTH questions.

SECTION B:

Answer ONE question from either question 3 OR 4.

SECTION C:

Answer TWO questions from either questions 5, 6 OR 7.

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 questions 5, 6 and 7.

SECTION A

In Section A, you must answer BOTH questions 1 and 2.

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding.

- 1. Using examples describe the main features of the Rule of Law. [6]**

- 2. Using examples explain what is meant by citizenship. [6]**

SECTION B

In Section B, you must answer ONE question.

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

EITHER,

- 3. Read the extract opposite and answer the question that follows.**

Extract A**ELECTORAL REFORM**

There is little doubt that an element of proportional representation leads to a strengthening of ‘third’ parties and coalition as the basis for majority government. The Conservatives may claim that the present First Past the Post system provides accountability, since the voters normally choose the government, and that the single-member constituency is a valuable part of our political system. The reformers have on their side the persisting failure of the First Past the Post system to reflect what has become a multi-party system. Without reform Britain is blessed with, or condemned to, permanent single party government.

[Extract adapted from Madgwick. P. A new introduction to British Politics, Stanley Thorne (1994)]

Using Extract A as well as your own knowledge, compare and contrast the First Past the Post electoral system with the Additional Member electoral system.

[24]

OR,

- 4. Read the extract below and answer the question that follows.**

Extract B

PRESSURE GROUPS

Pressure groups assist the process of interaction between government and the people, either directly or indirectly. They vary not only in size and objectives, but also in their access to and influence on government, both at the domestic and international level.

Consultation in the policy formation process is vital to the success or otherwise of policy implementation. Both insider and outsider pressure groups are interested in securing avenues into the processes of government, exerting pressure on government departments and on Members of Parliament to further their objectives. Many pressure groups also wish to raise people's awareness of a particular issue.

[Extract adapted from Barnett. H. Britain Unwrapped, Penguin (2002)]

Using Extract B as well as your own knowledge, explain the differences between insider and outsider pressure groups. [24]

SECTION C

IN SECTION C, 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.

- 5. How effective are referendums as a means of resolving political issues? [22]**

- 6. 'Political parties should be state funded.' Discuss how far this would solve the issues of party and candidate funding in the UK. [22]**

- 7. 'A British Bill of Rights is needed for the benefit of individual citizens and the country.' Discuss. [22]**

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