



**Monday 9 June 2014 – Afternoon**

**A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**F853/01** Contemporary US Government and Politics

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

**OCR supplied materials:**

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**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration: 2 hours**



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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- The Insert will be found in the centre of this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **Question 1** and **three** other questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined page(s) at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- 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 **100**.
- You will be rewarded for your ability to draw together the knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of the course.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in this paper. This means for example you should:
  - ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear;
  - organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- This document consists of **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

<b>CONTENTS</b>	
<b>Question 1(a)</b>	<b>See page 3</b>
<b>Question 1(b)</b>	<b>See page 5</b>
<b>Questions 2 to 8 (answer any three)</b>	<b>See page 8</b>
<b>Additional answer space</b>	<b>See pages 19 – 20</b>

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**SECTION A**

Answer the question in this section.

Use the source below and your own knowledge to answer Question 1.

**Source for Question 1**

Environmental policy provides a good case study of the complexity of the legislative process in the USA. Legislative proposals from the White House have faced great opposition from the Congress. Bipartisan support for new controls has greatly declined and proposed legislative amendments consistently threaten to undermine the Clean Air Act (1990). Furthermore, business interest groups have used their power and influence to campaign against further controls. Even those environmental laws that have been passed by the Congress have been altered by the courts.

- 1 (a) Outline the stages that a bill must go through to become a law in the USA. [10]

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**SECTION B**

Answer **three** questions in this section.

Write the numbers of the questions answered in the margin.

- 2 To what extent do parties offer the electorate a clear ideological choice? [25]
- 3 Assess the claim that pressure groups have made US government and politics pluralist. [25]
- 4 To what extent is presidential failure inevitable? [25]
- 5 To what extent has federalism changed over time? [25]
- 6 Assess the claim that the Roberts Court has shown a clear ideological direction in its rulings. [25]
- 7 To what extent does the nomination system for presidential candidates need to be reformed? [25]
- 8 Discuss the view that some rights are better protected than others in the USA. [25]

(Use this space for planning your answer(s).)



Write the number of each question answered in the margin.

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**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

**ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE**

If additional answer space is required, you should use the following lined page(s). The question number(s) must be clearly shown in the margins.

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A large area of the page is filled with horizontal dotted lines, providing a space for writing answers. A solid vertical line runs down the left side of this area, creating a margin.



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