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A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

F854/01/1 Political Ideas and Concepts

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In answering each question, you are expected to cover relevant political ideas and concepts and, where appropriate, make reference to the views of political thinkers.

SECTION A

Answer the question in this section.

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

Source for Question 1

Liberalism as an ideology originated in Britain after the events of the English Civil War. One of its earliest theorists was John Locke (1632–1704) whose famous work, ‘Two Treatises of Government’, has become one of the central texts of liberal theory. Liberalism gained in popularity during the Age of Enlightenment and was closely associated with the events of the American War of Independence and the French Revolution. Since the 19th century Liberalism has established itself as the dominant ideology in Western politics.

- 1 (a) Outline the meaning of liberalism. [10]
- (b) To what extent is freedom the most important value of liberalism? [15]

SECTION B

Answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 ‘Accountability is the most important feature of democracy.’ Discuss. [25]
- 3 ‘World government is both undesirable and unachievable.’ Discuss. [25]
- 4 Assess the sources of democratic legitimacy. [25]
- 5 Assess whether formal equality can be considered real equality. [25]
- 6 Discuss the view that society cannot function without order. [25]
- 7 Discuss whether conservatism can be considered an ideology. [25]
- 8 Discuss the view that gender equality is the most important value of feminism. [25]



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