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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

After the decline of Athenian democracy in the 4th century B.C., democracy as a system of government was largely regarded negatively. However, from the 17th century, the system of monarchical rule was increasingly challenged in different countries. With this, the idea of democracy was resurrected, albeit in a new form, and is often referred to as protective democracy. This new form of democracy was less egalitarian than the classical model, but appealed to liberal thinkers such as Locke and Mill. By the second half of the 20th century, democratic theory dominated western politics. The criticisms of democracy, as outlined by classical scholars such as Plato and Aristotle, no longer seemed relevant to modern society.

- 1 (a) Explain the meaning of protective democracy. [10]
 (b) Discuss the appeal of democracy. [15]

SECTION B

Answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 Assess what makes the concept of the nation-state is so appealing. [25]
 3 “Political authority is both necessary and desirable.” Discuss. [25]
 4 “Legal and moral rights are fundamentally different.” Discuss. [25]
 5 Discuss the view that civil disobedience can only be justified in a dictatorship. [25]
 6 Assess the extent of difference between revolutionary and democratic forms of socialism. [25]
 7 Discuss the view that the protection of property is the most important value of conservatism. [25]
 8 Assess the extent of difference between radical and liberal forms of feminism. [25]

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