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Government and Politics

Unit **F854**: Political Ideas and Concepts

Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for June 2017

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Acknowledged, credit-worthy. Page seen
	Judgement of extent
	Incorrect
	Example
	Vague
	Repetition
	Very good
	Not relevant
	Analysis
	Focus
	Spelling
	Unclear (in combination with other annotations)/loss of focus
	Positive (in combination with other annotations)=similarities/arguments in favour
	Negative (in combination with other annotations)=differences/arguments against
Highlighting	Use of theorists

NB Examiners should use the above annotations to assist them in deciding their marks. They do not, however, have to use them to annotate every instance seen.

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

When marking, examiners must use both this mark scheme and the Assessment Matrix (see Appendix 1).

The Assessment Matrix

Broadly speaking and depending on the question, examiners should look for:

- a balanced and well-focused answer;
- which correctly identifies a number and range of relevant and important factors;
- in detail;
- and communicates these clearly and in a logical, fluent and coherent style;
- containing few, if any, errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

And credit answers which display knowledge and understanding of:

- current examples;
- political concepts, theories and language;
- other political systems including the EU;
- parallels, connections, similarities and difference.

The Mark Scheme

The mark scheme is indicative of the kinds of points likely to be raised by candidates in answering the questions. However, because of the nature of the subject, it cannot be regarded as definitive and the professional judgement and training of individual examiners will apply.

All substantive issues surrounding the paper will be settled at the standardisation meeting and through the arrangements made by OCR to ensure a consistent approach by all examiners. Examiners should contact the Principal Examiner if they have any concerns about the way an individual script should be marked.

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1	(a)	<p>AO1: Answers should display knowledge and understanding of the meaning of protective democracy.</p> <p>Answers should refer to some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The protection of natural/human rights. • The restriction of the state's ability to intervene in the lives of citizens. • Representative system of government. • Constitutional limits on state power. • Acceptance of inequalities within society. <p>Candidates should illustrate their ideas with the views of relevant political thinkers. These might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locke • Mill • Bentham • Madison 	10	<p>AO1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must offer more than a reiteration of the source (award at L1 for source only). • Maximum L2 should be awarded for limited knowledge and understanding of protective democracy and no reference to relevant political thinkers. • Award at L3 where there is good understanding and illustration through the use of a range of relevant political thinkers. • Award at L4 for comprehensive understanding with a range of relevant theorists used. <p>AO3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expect most answers to reach L3 and use 2 as a default mark. • At L2 and below, answers will include frequent and intrusive spelling and grammatical errors. The answer will lack focus and be disorganised. Also award at this level answers that are underdeveloped. 	<p>AO1 [8]:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>7–8 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>5–6 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>3–4 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>0–2 marks</td> </tr> </table> <p>AO3 [2]:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>2 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>2 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>1 mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>0–1 mark</td> </tr> </table>	Level 4	7–8 marks	Level 3	5–6 marks	Level 2	3–4 marks	Level 1	0–2 marks	Level 4	2 marks	Level 3	2 marks	Level 2	1 mark	Level 1	0–1 mark
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	(b)	<p>AO2: Answers should discuss the appeal of democracy.</p> <p>They should refer to some of the following:</p> <p>This discussion could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic accountability over decision makers. • Moral claim for citizens to participate in the decision making process • Improve civic virtue and harmony within society • Democracy provides an engine for social change 	15	<p>AO2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To access the higher marks bands answers should not only explain the central features of democracy, but discuss why they are appealing • Award at L1 for description only of features of democracy • Award at bottom of L2 where there is some inference of appeal. • Award at L2 for a superficial or limited range of appeal • Award at L3 where a range of appeals are discussed • Award at L4 where the discussion is wide-ranging. • Award at the top of L4 where there is clear sophistication in the discussion. <p>AO3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expect most answers to reach L3 and use 2 as a default mark. • A further mark will be awarded if a candidate is able to write with flair and maintains a sharp focus on the question throughout the essay. • At L2 and below, answers will include frequent and intrusive spelling errors. The answer will lack focus and be disorganised. Also award at this level answers that are underdeveloped. 	<p>AO2 [12]:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>10–12 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>7–9 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>4–6 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>0–3 marks</td> </tr> </table> <p>AO3 [3]:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>3 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>2 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>2 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>0–1 mark</td> </tr> </table>	Level 4	10–12 marks	Level 3	7–9 marks	Level 2	4–6 marks	Level 1	0–3 marks	Level 4	3 marks	Level 3	2 marks	Level 2	2 marks	Level 1	0–1 mark
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			<p>state providing autonomy and self-governance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberal opposition to imperialism and support for national independence. • Cultural cohesion and political unity. • Fear of globalization – cultural political and economic. • Continued operation of the nation-state with a globalised world. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award at L2 for a few attempts to consider why the nation-state is so appealing (expect 1 or 2 points discussed or a range of underdeveloped points). Award at bottom of level where inference on appeal only. • Award at L3 where there is a range of appeals discussed (expect 3 or 4 points of discussion). • Award at L4 where the discussion is wide-ranging (expect at least 5 points of discussion or very detailed discussion of 4). • Award at the top of L4 where there is clear sophistication in the discussion and differentiation shown importance of the various appeals. <p>AO3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expect most answers to reach L3 and use 4 as a default mark. • A further mark will be awarded if a candidate is able to write with flair and maintains a sharp focus on the question throughout the essay. • At L2 and below, answers will include frequent and intrusive spelling and grammatical errors. The answer will lack focus and be disorganised. Also award at this level answers that are underdeveloped. 	<p>AO2 [10]:</p> <p>Level 4 9–10 marks</p> <p>Level 3 6–8 marks</p> <p>Level 2 3–5 marks</p> <p>Level 1 0–2 marks</p> <p>AO3 [5]:</p> <p>Level 4 5 marks</p> <p>Level 3 4 marks</p> <p>Level 2 2–3 marks</p> <p>Level 1 0–1 marks</p>

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3		<p>AO1: Answers should display knowledge and understanding of the meaning of political authority.</p> <p>Answers should refer to some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political authority as the rightful exercise of power in the political context. • Different typologies of authority – legal rational, traditional and charismatic de facto and de jure. • different ideological perspectives on authority – conservative perspective of authority being natural and beneficial thus necessary, liberal and socialist perspectives of it stemming from the people but needs limiting, revolutionary socialists, anarchists and libertarians see it as an instrument of oppression that ultimately needs removing. <p>Candidates should illustrate their ideas with the views of relevant political thinkers. These might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weber • Hobbes • Locke • Arendt • Reich • Bakunin 	25	<p>AO1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to access the top mark bands answers must display accurate knowledge and understanding of the relevant theory and illustrate their explanation with reference to relevant political theorists. • Maximum L1 for a basic understanding of the meaning of political authority (expect no relevant references to political theorists). • Maximum L2 should be awarded for limited understanding and/or only a few accurate references to relevant theorists (this might be 1 or 2 references). • Award L3 for good understanding and the inclusion of a range of relevant political thinkers (this might be 3-7 references). • Award L4 for complete understanding and comprehensive use of relevant theorists (this might be 8 or more). • Award at the top of L4 for sophisticated understanding and extensive illustration through use of theorists. 	<p>AO1 [10]:</p> <p>Level 4 9–10 marks</p> <p>Level 3 6–8 marks</p> <p>Level 2 3–5 marks</p> <p>Level 1 0–2 marks</p>

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			<p>AO2: Answers should discuss the view that political authority is both necessary and desirable. They should refer to some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberal support for restricted authority emanating from below but not imposed from above – thus necessary but not partially desirable. • Conservative support for political authority imposed from above in the form of traditional authority – see it as necessary and desirable. • Left wing fears over the imposition of authority rejecting its desirability unless stemming from the masses. Do see some necessity until the withering away of the state (Marx) • Anarchist rejection of authority as necessary and desirable used as a tool of oppression. • Dangers of excessive authority especially associated with charismatic forms. 		<p>AO2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award at L1 for a basic description of political authority. • Award at L2 for a discussion that covers either necessary or desirability. Also award at L2 where the discussion covers only a few relevant points, or a superficial coverage of a wider range of factors. • Award at L3 where there is a discussion of both desirability and necessary although this might lack a degree of balance (expect 3 or 4 relevant points of discussion). • Award at L4 where there is a balanced discussion of both necessary and desirability (expect at least 5 points discussed or a very detailed discussion of 4). • Award at the top of L4 where there is clear sophistication in the discussion and clear differentiation between the 2 issues made. 	<p>AO2 [10]:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>9–10 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>6–8 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>3–5 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>0–2 marks</td> </tr> </table>	Level 4	9–10 marks	Level 3	6–8 marks	Level 2	3–5 marks	Level 1	0–2 marks
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			<p>AO2: Answers should discuss whether legal and moral rights are fundamentally different.</p> <p>They should refer to some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differences – lack of codification for moral rights in comparison to legal; lack of legal enforcement for moral rights in comparison to legal; philosophical basis of moral rights in comparison to the empirical nature of legal rights; positivist nature of legal rights lacking a moral code. Similarities – moral rights often provide the framework for codification into legal rights; both still provide a sense of entitlement either through citizenship or humanity; both seek to provide a framework for the operation of people’s lives. Expect consideration of fundamental difference in the sense of their origins. 		<p>AO2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to access the higher mark bands answers must compare the 2 concepts. Award at L1 for a basic description of the concepts. Award at L2 where there is a limited range of comparisons made (expect 1 or 2 comparisons). Also award at this level where the comparison is completely one-sided (either similarity or difference). Award at L3 where there are a range of comparisons made (expect 3 or 4). Also award at this level for a wider-ranging comparison that lacks balance. Award at L4 where there are a wide range of comparisons (expect 5 or more or very detailed comparison of 4) and these have a good degree of balance. Award at the top of L4 where there is clear sophistication in the comparison and consideration of the idea of fundamentally different considered. 	<p>AO2 [10]:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>9–10 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>6–8 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>3–5 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>0–2 marks</td> </tr> </table>	Level 4	9–10 marks	Level 3	6–8 marks	Level 2	3–5 marks	Level 1	0–2 marks
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5		<p>AO1: Answers should display knowledge and understanding of civil disobedience.</p> <p>Answers should refer to some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the concept of obligation – requirement or duty, note distinction between being obliged (link to coercion) and having an obligation (duty). • The meaning of civil disobedience – the deliberate breaking of minor, often civil laws, in order to protest against perceived greater injustices. • The concept of the rule of law obliging all citizens of a state to obey the law without exception and that these laws apply to all citizens. <p>Candidates should illustrate their ideas with the views of relevant political thinkers. These might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dicey • Hart • Locke • Thoreau • Gandhi • King 	25	<p>AO1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to access the top mark bands answers must display accurate knowledge and understanding of the relevant theory and illustrate their explanation with reference to relevant political theorists. • Award at L1 for a basic description of civil disobedience (expect no reference to political theorists) • Maximum L2 should be awarded for limited understanding of civil disobedience and only a few accurate references to relevant theorists (this might be 1 or 2). • Award at L3 where there is good understanding of civil disobedience and illustration through the use of a range of relevant political thinkers (this might be between 3 and 7 references). • Award L4 for complete understanding of civil disobedience, and comprehensive use of relevant theorists (this might be 8 or more references). • Award at the top of L4 for sophisticated understanding and extensive illustration through use of theorists. 	<p>AO1 [10]:</p> <p>Level 4 9–10 marks</p> <p>Level 3 6–8 marks</p> <p>Level 2 3–5 marks</p> <p>Level 1 0–2 marks</p>

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			<p>AO2: Answers should discuss the view that civil disobedience is only justifiable in a dictatorship.</p> <p>They should refer to some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justifications for civil disobedience within a dictatorship including adherence to a higher concept of moral justice, the breaking of perceived unjust or wicked laws, the lack of alternative sources of protest (lack of electoral legitimacy etc.) and the deliberate protesting against the conduct of the state. • Criticisms of civil disobedience within a dictatorship including the undermining of law and order and state authority; the perceived right to rule based upon popular consent expressed in a dictatorship through other means than electoral legitimacy. • Candidates might also consider the role of civil disobedience within a democracy thus questioning whether breaking of laws can be legitimate when the state have a democratic mandate. 		<p>AO2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to access the higher mark bands answers should go beyond description of civil disobedience. • Award at L1 for description only of civil disobedience • Award at L2 where there are a few arguments over the justifiability (expect 1 or 2), or a wider range of superficial arguments. Also award at this level for a totally one-sided discussion. • Award at L3 where there is a balanced discussion of a range of arguments relating to justifiability (expect 3 or 4). • Award at L4 where there is a balanced discussion of a wide range of arguments relating to justifiability (expect 5 or more or very detailed discussion of 4). • Award at the top of L4 where there is clear sophistication and balance in the discussion. 	<p>AO2 [10]:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>9–10 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>6–8 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>3–5 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>0–2 marks</td> </tr> </table>	Level 4	9–10 marks	Level 3	6–8 marks	Level 2	3–5 marks	Level 1	0–2 marks
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<p>6</p>	<p>AO1: Answers should display knowledge and understanding of revolutionary and democratic socialism.</p> <p>They should refer to some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meaning of socialism – a political ideology based upon egalitarian principles in which the means of production, distribution and exchange are operated in the interests of the working classes. • The meaning of revolutionary socialism – an ideology that advocates a socialist style state brought about by the forceful overthrow of capitalism. • The meaning of democratic socialism - an ideology that seeks a socialist style state through gradualism <p>Candidates should illustrate their ideas with the views of relevant political thinkers. These might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marx • Blanqui • Mao • Bernstein • Tawney • Benn 	<p>25</p>	<p>AO1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to access the top mark bands answers must display accurate knowledge and understanding of the relevant theory and illustrate their explanation with reference to relevant political theorists. • Award at L1 for a basic understanding of the concept of socialism • Maximum L2 should be awarded for limited understanding of revolutionary and democratic socialism and/or only a few accurate references to relevant theorists (this might be 1 or 2). • Award at L3 where there is good understanding of revolutionary and democratic socialism and illustration through the use of a range of relevant political thinkers (this might be 3-7). • Award L4 for complete understanding of revolutionary and democratic socialism and comprehensive use of relevant theorists (this might be 8+). • Award at the top of L4 for sophisticated understanding and extensive illustration through use of theorists. 	<p>AO1 [10]:</p> <p>Level 4 9–10 marks Level 3 6–8 marks Level 2 3–5 marks Level 1 0–2 marks</p>
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		<p>AO2: Answers should assess the extent of difference between revolutionary and democratic socialism.</p> <p>They should refer to some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The differences – revolutionary socialism has a more negative view of the state than democratic forms; revolutionary rejects individual freedom as bourgeois, whereas democratic sees it as feasible but still relegates it beneath the collective interest; capitalism to be abolished under revolutionary but curtailed under democratic. • The similarities – Both seek a socialist style state based on egalitarian principles; class based analogy of society; collectivist principles based on a positive view of human nature. • Note answers might seek to discuss extent in highlighting similarities and differences. • Answers might also differentiate between means and ends between the two strands of socialism. 	<p>AO2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to access the higher mark bands, answers should go beyond description of revolutionary and democratic socialism. • Award at L1 for a basic description of the concepts. • Award at the bottom of L2 for an inferred comparison between the two concepts. Award towards the top of the level where there are a few points of comparison made (expect 1 or 2 points of comparison). Also award at this level where there is a completely one-sided answer (either similarities or differences). • Award at L3 where there is a balanced comparison covering a range of relevant factors (expect 3 or 4 points of comparison). • Award at L4 where there is a wide-ranging and balanced comparison of the two concepts (expect 5 or more points of comparison or 4 very well developed points of comparison). • Award at the top of L4 where there is clear sophistication in the analysis and a clear focus on how similar. 	<p>AO2 [10]:</p> <p>Level 4 9–10 marks Level 3 6–8 marks Level 2 3–5 marks Level 1 0–2 marks</p>
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			<p>AO2: Answers should assess the extent of difference between radical and liberal feminism.</p> <p>They should refer to some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differences – radical feminists do not distinguish between public and private spheres of existence seeing patriarchy dominate both whereas liberals seek to make gains only in the public sphere; Radicals see liberal gains as illusory masking failure to change attitudes relating to sex and gender; Radicals see an interconnectedness between different forms of exploitation whereas liberals seek to achieve gains in separate areas; Radicals seek to separate men and women in society to allow a development of female consciousness whereas liberals see female fulfilment possible within existing society. Similarities – Both promote female equality whilst accepting biological differences between the genders; both seek to enhance female consciousness and remove male domination over women; both seek to remove exploitation of women in legal, political, social and economic spheres; both seek 		<p>AO2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to access the higher mark bands, answers should avoid just describing liberal and radical feminism and also have a clear understanding of the meaning of ideology. Award at L1 for basic description only. Award at the bottom of L2 for implicit comparison only. Award towards the top of the level where there is a limited and/or superficial comparison between liberal and radical feminism (expect 1 or 2 relevant comparisons). Also award at this level where there is a completely one-sided comparison (similarities or differences). Award at L3 for a wider and a largely balanced comparison (expect 3 or 4 relevant comparisons). Award at L4 for a wide range of factors compared in a balanced manner (expect 5 or more arguments). Award at the top of L4 where there is clear sophistication in the comparison and a genuine attempt to assess extent of difference. 	<p>AO2 [10]:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>9–10 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>6–8 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>3–5 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>0–2 marks</td> </tr> </table>	Level 4	9–10 marks	Level 3	6–8 marks	Level 2	3–5 marks	Level 1	0–2 marks
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Advanced GCE Assessment Matrix

There are **four** levels of assessment of all three AOs in the A2 units. Level 4 is the highest level that can reasonably be expected from a candidate at the end an Advanced GCE course.

Level	Assessment Objective 1	Assessment Objective 2	Assessment Objective 3
4	Thorough and accurate knowledge and clear and detailed understanding of relevant concepts, ideas and political systems. Ability to make valid comparisons between them.	High level of skill in the interpretation, analysis and evaluation of relevant political information (including, the identification of parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of the political systems studied). Ability to recognise bias and faulty argument and to reason effectively towards an individual and informed conclusion.	Ability to distinguish relevant and important factors correctly and integrate these into a balanced, well-focused argument. Ability to communicate this clearly and present it legibly and logically in fluent coherent style containing few, if any, errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.
3	Good knowledge and understanding of relevant concepts, ideas and political systems. Ability to make some valid comparisons between them.	Good level of skill in the interpretation, analysis and evaluation of the relevant political issues (including, the identification of parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of the political systems studied). Some attempt to recognise bias and faulty argument and to reason sensibly towards a sound conclusion.	Ability to identify the most important factors and present a relevant argument legibly and clearly if, at times, lacking incisiveness. There may be occasional errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.
2	Limited knowledge and understanding of relevant concepts, ideas and political systems. Limited awareness of standard points of comparison.	Limited level of skill in the interpretation, analysis and evaluation of the relevant political issues (including, the identification of parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of the political systems studied). Limited attempt to explain a few of the more obvious points central to the question and to recognise and describe some differing viewpoints. Reasoning may be incomplete and, while opinions may be offered, they are unlikely to be supported by argument.	Limited attempt to distinguish relevant material, which is assembled into a limited argument with some sense of order and legibility. There may be some errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.
1	Basic and generalised knowledge and understanding of relevant concepts, ideas and political systems. Such knowledge and understanding will be incomplete and/or of tenuous relevance and may contain significant errors. Basic awareness of standard points of comparison.	Basic skill in the interpretation, analysis and evaluation of some of the relevant political issues (including, the identification of parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of the political systems studied). Basic attempt to explain the simpler points central to the question and it is likely that only one viewpoint will be recognised. There will be little evidence of reasoning.	An attempt is made to shape an argument at a basic level, which lacks coherence, legibility and direction, and is unselective. Contains intrusive errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

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