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Monday 11 June 2018 – Afternoon**A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS****F853/01** Contemporary US Government and Politics

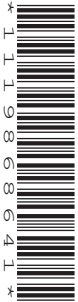
Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Duration: 2 hours

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- The Insert will be found inside 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 barcodes.

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 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.

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

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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

Attempts by the Congress to control campaign donations and spending have largely failed. This failure has had a great impact upon the campaigns of presidential candidates and the outcome of elections. The lack of effective controls has meant that candidates and other organisations such as Super PACs, can run their own campaigns which are vital in securing both the nomination and ultimately, the White House. Spending on TV advertisements was a marked feature of the 2016 campaign. Given the dealigned state of the electorate and the factors which influence voting behaviour, it could be argued money buys electoral success.

1 (a) Outline the role played by money in presidential campaigns. **[10]**

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SECTION B

Answer **three** questions in this section.

Write the numbers of the questions answered in the margin.

- 2 Discuss the view that there are significant ideological differences both between and within US political parties. [25]
- 3 Assess the claim that the key to pressure group success lies in exploiting the many access points in the US system of government. [25]
- 4 Discuss the view that the Executive Office of the President plays a more important role than the cabinet. [25]
- 5 Evaluate the claim that the US Constitution prevents effective government. [25]
- 6 Discuss the view that the important work of Congress is done in its committees. [25]
- 7 'The justices of the Supreme Court are politicians in robes.' Discuss. [25]
- 8 Assess the claim that the Bill of Rights alone does not provide an adequate protection of rights and liberties 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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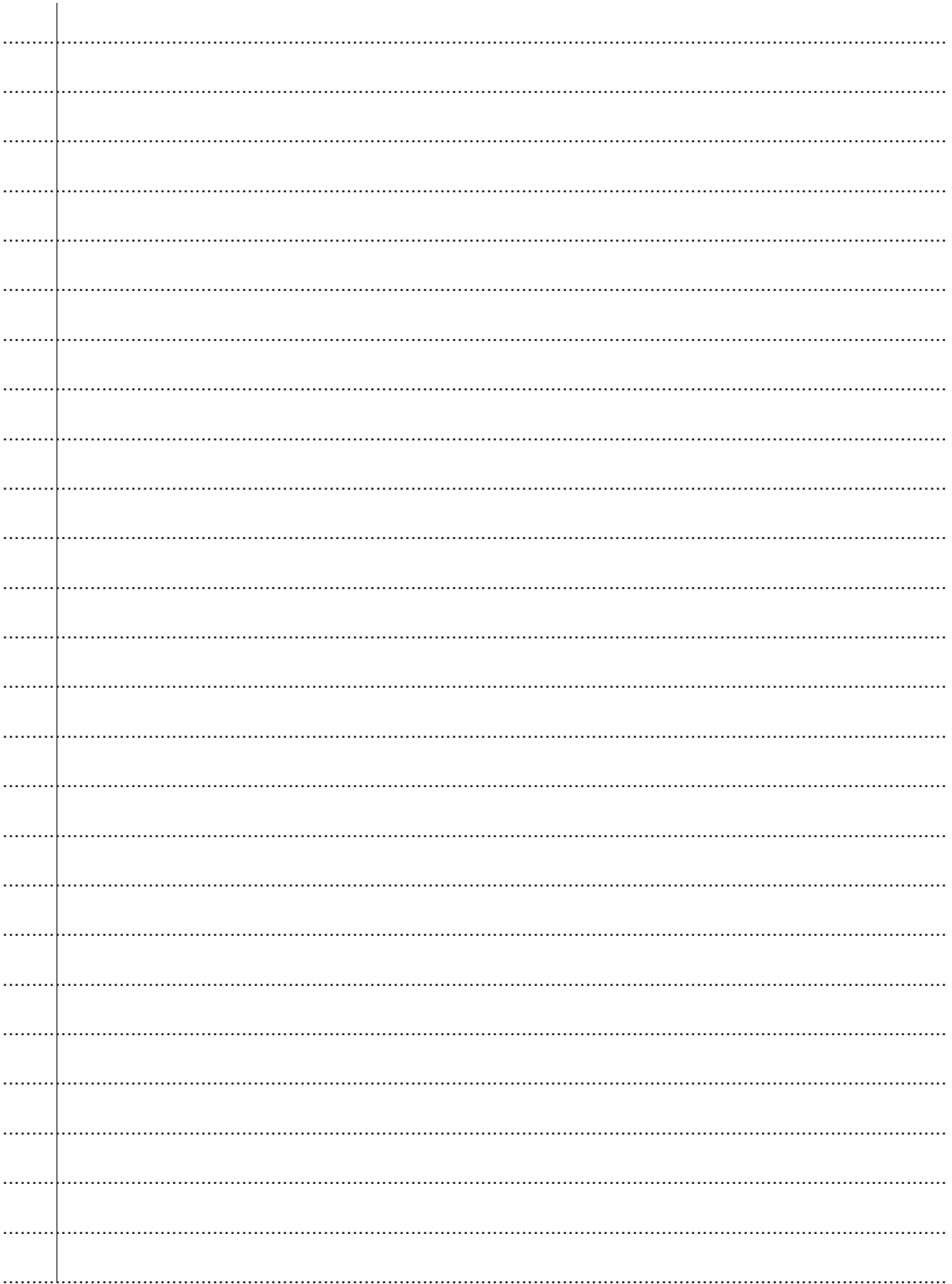
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ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

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