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Thursday 14 June 2018 – Afternoon**A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS****F855/01** US Government and Politics

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR supplied materials:

None

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 2 hours

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 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 **two** 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. Additional paper may be used if necessary but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).
- 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 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

In answering each question, you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of politics of both the UK and the United States. Where appropriate, you may make reference to other political systems, as well as the European Union.

- 1 Assess the impact of dealignment on voting behaviour in recent elections. [50]
- 2 To what extent is party decline explained by the rise of candidate and issue centred politics? [50]
- 3 Discuss the view that pressure groups should have more power. [50]
- 4 'Devolution offers solutions to the problems of federalism and a unitary state.' Discuss. [50]
- 5 To what extent do recent developments suggest there is a greater need for the protection of rights and liberties? [50]
- 6 Assess the factors that enable legislatures to effectively check executives. [50]
- 7 To what extent is the power of chief executives determined by constitutions? [50]
- 8 Discuss the view that judiciaries lack the power needed to effectively check executives and legislatures. [50]

Write the number of each question answered in the margin.

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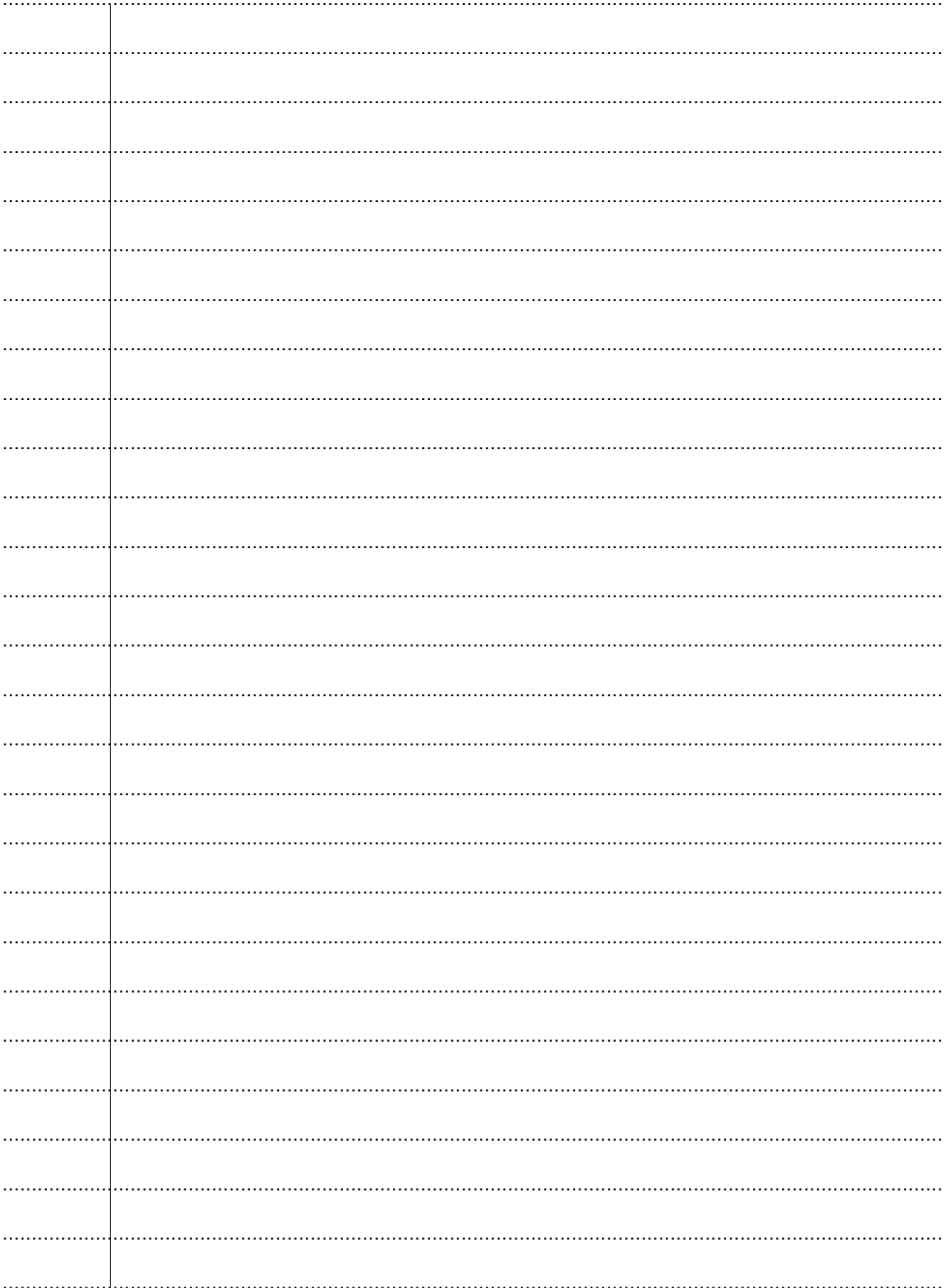
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