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A2 GCE
F853/01

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Contemporary US Government and
Politics

MONDAY 9 JUNE 2014: Afternoon

DURATION: 2 hours
plus your additional time allowance

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

The Insert will be found in the centre of this document.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes on the first page. 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.

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.

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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

Environmental policy provides a good case study of the complexity of the legislative process in the USA. Legislative proposals from the White House have faced great opposition from the Congress. Bipartisan support for new controls has greatly declined and proposed legislative amendments consistently threaten to undermine the Clean Air Act (1990). Furthermore, business interest groups have used their power and influence to campaign against further controls. Even those environmental laws that have been passed by the Congress have been altered by the courts.

- 1 (a) Outline the stages that a bill must go through to become a law in the USA. [10]**

[illegible]

[illegible]

(b) Explain why law making is so difficult in the USA.

[15]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

SECTION B

Answer THREE questions in this section.

Write the numbers of the questions answered in the margin.

- 2 To what extent do parties offer the electorate a clear ideological choice? [25]**
- 3 Assess the claim that pressure groups have made US government and politics pluralist. [25]**
- 4 To what extent is presidential failure inevitable? [25]**
- 5 To what extent has federalism changed over time? [25]**
- 6 Assess the claim that the Roberts Court has shown a clear ideological direction in its rulings. [25]**
- 7 To what extent does the nomination system for presidential candidates need to be reformed? [25]**
- 8 Discuss the view that some rights are better protected than others in the USA. [25]**

(Use this space for planning your answer(s).)

Write the number of each question answered in the margin.

[illegible]

[illegible]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

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