



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2011

Government and Politics

GOV4B

Unit 4B Political Issues: Ideologies in Action

Thursday 16 June 2011 1.30pm to 3.00pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is GOV4B.
- Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions in each topic.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.
- You are advised to spend the same amount of time on each topic.

Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions in each topic.

Each topic carries 40 marks.

Topic 1 Ethnicity and Gender

0 1 Explain what is meant by the term 'political correctness'. (10 marks)

0 2 'Affirmative action programmes represent the most effective way of addressing racial inequalities.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Topic 2 The Environment

0 3 Consider the difference between 'light' and 'dark' green thinking. (10 marks)

0 4 'An increase in the political support for environmentalism has been accompanied by a dilution of its core principles.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Topic 3 Education

0 5 Argue the ideological case in favour of school league tables. (10 marks)

0 6 'Education policy has more to do with preparing pupils for their future roles in the economy than with broadening their minds.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Topic 4 The Economy

0 7 Explain the concept of globalisation. (10 marks)

0 8 'In practice, the UK government exercises little or no control over the economy.' Discuss. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS