



A-level POLITICS

Paper 3 Political ideas

Tuesday 10 June 2025

Morning

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **7152/3**.
- Answer **all** questions from Section **A** and Section **B**.
- Answer **one** question from Section **C**.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Do **not** tear out any part of the book. All work must be handed in.
- If you use more than one book, check that you have written the information required on each book.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 77.

Section A – Core Ideologies Short Questions

Answer questions 1, 2 and 3.

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Socialism

Explain and analyse three ways in which socialist thinkers view the methods of achieving socialism.

[9 marks]

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Liberalism

Explain and analyse three ways in which liberal thinkers view capitalism.

[9 marks]

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Conservatism

Explain and analyse three ways in which conservative thinkers view private property.

[9 marks]

Section B – Core Ideologies Extract Question

Read the extracts below and answer question 4 that follows.

The nature of conservatism and society**Extract 1****Robert Nozick on individualism**

Nozick made the individual, and his rights to life, liberty and property, fundamental. No more than a minimal state was warranted for protecting its members from violence, theft and breach of contract, and ensuring the just acquisition and transfer of property, while not interfering in the right to pursue one's own ends. Nozick condemned 'distributive justice' as implying that society has resources to distribute, whereas only individuals do, and are entitled to hold or transfer them. What can be happier for all parties, he argued in a characteristically vivid example, than the way the famous basketball player Wilt Chamberlain sells his skills – making a much larger than average income – and his audience pay 25 cents each to watch him, rather than spending that amount on movies, magazines or candy bars. 'From each as they chose, to each as they are chosen,' was Nozick's rewriting of Karl Marx.

Extract adapted from an obituary of Nozick in *The Guardian* newspaper, 2002.

Extract 2**Burke on society**

For Burke, the best life begins in the 'little platoons' – family, church, and local community – these guide men toward virtues such as temperance and fortitude. It is in the local and particular that we are able to live justly. In seeing political life as best conducted within an order of particular habits and presumptions – specifically, the order of the British Constitution – Burke resisted the attempts of some of his contemporaries to study man as if he could be viewed in isolation, apart from all the trappings of society.

Extract from a website developed by The Foundation for Constitutional Government, a conservative organisation in the USA.

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Analyse, evaluate and compare the arguments made in the above extracts on the nature of conservatism in society. In your answer you should refer to the thinkers that you have studied.

[25 marks]

Turn over for the next question

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Section C – Other Ideologies Essay Question

Answer the question set on **one** of the following ideologies.

In your answer you should draw on material from across the whole range of your course of study in Politics.

Either

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Nationalism

‘Nationalist thinkers have no common set of principles.’ Analyse and evaluate this statement with reference to the nationalist thinkers that you have studied.

[25 marks]

or

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Feminism

‘The main aim of feminism should be to remove gender distinctions within the home, not just in society.’ Analyse and evaluate this statement with reference to the feminist thinkers that you have studied.

[25 marks]

or

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Multiculturalism

‘The state should promote the rights of individuals, rather than of groups, to develop identity.’ Analyse and evaluate this statement with reference to the multiculturalist thinkers that you have studied.

[25 marks]

or

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Anarchism

‘The institutions of the state cannot be removed peacefully.’ Analyse and evaluate this statement with reference to the anarchist thinkers that you have studied.

[25 marks]

or

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Ecologism

‘Economic growth is in conflict with protecting the planet.’ Analyse and evaluate this statement with reference to the ecologist thinkers that you have studied.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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