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Politics

Advanced

PAPER 1: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas

You must have: Source Booklet (enclosed)	Total Marks
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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **two** sections and you must answer **three** questions:
 - in Section A answer **either** Question 1(a) **or** 1(b) and then **either** 2(a) **or** 2(b)
 - in Section B answer **either** 3(a) **or** 3(b).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 - *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 - *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Political Participation

Answer ONE question from EITHER Question 1(a) OR Question 1(b) on page 2 and then answer ONE question from EITHER Question 2(a) OR Question 2(b) on page 10.

EITHER

Look at Source 1(a) in the Source Booklet.

- 1 (a) Using the source, evaluate the view that rights in the UK are poorly protected.

In your response you must:

- *compare and contrast the different opinions in the source*
- *examine and debate these views in a balanced way*
- *analyse and evaluate **only** the information presented in the source.*

(30)

OR

Look at Source 1(b) in the Source Booklet.

- (b) Using the source, evaluate the view that the most important factor in deciding the influence of pressure groups is the methods they use.

In your response you must:

- *compare and contrast the different opinions in the source*
- *examine and debate these views in a balanced way*
- *analyse and evaluate **only** the information presented in the source.*

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AND EITHER

- 2 (a) Evaluate the view that the Labour Party is more **internally** divided than the Conservative Party.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

OR

- (b) Evaluate the view, with reference to at least **three** general elections, that social class and region have very little impact on voting behaviour.

You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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SECTION B

Core Political Ideas

Answer ONE question from EITHER Question 3(a) OR Question 3(b).

EITHER

- 3 (a) To what extent is socialism united in its view of human nature?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer and consider both sides in a balanced way.

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent is liberalism united in its ideas about democracy?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer and consider both sides in a balanced way.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 24 MARKS
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SECTION A

Political Participation

Source 1(a)

In the following paragraphs Colm O'Cinneide, Professor of Constitutional and Human Rights Law at UCL, considers the current strengths and weaknesses of the protection of rights in the UK.

Strengths

Current legislation provides strong legal protection for civil and political rights with the Human Rights Act, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Equality Act 2010. In addition, common law has long protected civil liberties such as the freedom of speech and jury trial. These are protected by the judiciary. There is an effective institutional framework protecting rights.

In UK civil society, there is a strong commitment to rights, values and activism. Human rights and civil liberties enjoy relatively strong political support from political parties and also from pressure groups, younger age groups and in the devolved regions. As such the public have the freedom to protest in order to protect and advance rights.

Weaknesses

The existing framework of UK legal rights protection (based on the HRA and European Convention) is vulnerable to political attack, with Conservative calls for a 'British Bill of Rights' to replace them. Whatever our opinion of Brexit, leaving the EU has made weaker the protection for certain migrant and labour rights formerly provided by EU law. The EU's Fundamental Charter of Rights no longer applies.

UK governments have been repeatedly able to introduce legislation weakening rights, especially in areas of national security, immigration and criminal justice.

Legal rights protection in the UK is limited. Social and economic rights (for example, to receive appropriate healthcare) are the most poorly established and protected. There is confusion between collective and individual rights. For now, the place of legal rights protection within the UK's constitutional culture remains uncertain. The major source of the problem is that little political consensus exists on the nature and meaning of human rights and how they should be guaranteed.

(Source: adapted from <https://www.democraticaudit.com/2018/11/28/how-well-does-the-uks-democracy-protect-human-rights-and-civil-liberties/>)

Source 1(b)

The following two extracts consider what is important for the success of pressure groups. The writer of the first extract believes that the methods or tactics used by pressure groups are most important. The writer of the second extract believes that success for pressure groups depends on more factors than only their methods or tactics.

Extract 1

Tactics or methods used by pressure groups determine their influence. Getting the media on side is vital in establishing a positive image. Consider the coverage gained by the ITV drama for the sub-postmasters and the influence it had. Pressure groups have found that shock tactics or direct action gets publicity and therefore influence. Other pressure groups use educational methods to grow their influence. This is how many environmental pressure groups have gained influence. For example, they have explained the dangers of climate change. Pressure groups can and do achieve influence by making donations to political parties in the hope that they will adopt their ideas – in a similar manner pressure groups use lobbying to influence key political targets. At times certain pressure groups will make effective use of the Courts to obtain influence.

Extract 2

The status of pressure groups is what determines their level of influence. Insider groups invariably always have more influence than outsider groups. The governing party in power acts to either enable or discourage the influence of pressure groups. A friendly government is worth far more than thousands of members in a pressure group. Another factor on influence is the opposition pressure groups face from other groups. The public are now well informed about current political issues and hence to achieve success and influence, a reasoned and well thought through case must be made by a pressure group. Shock tactics and direct action can be counterproductive. The pressure group 'Just Stop Oil' gained little additional influence with its tactics, and many felt alienated by its methods. It is also argued that the influence of pressure groups is down to chance events and what issues the public decide to support at any given time. Ultimately influence comes about through the combination of factors not tactics or methods alone.

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