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Politics

Advanced

PAPER 2: UK Government and Non-core Political Ideas

You must have:
Source Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

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** 1(a) **or** 1(b) **and then either** 2(a) **or** 2(b)
 - in Section B answer **either** 3(a) **or** 3(b), 4(a) **or** 4(b), 5(a) **or** 5(b), 6(a) **or** 6(b), 7(a) **or** 7(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

UK Government

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 the UK's constitution is not working effectively.

In your response you must:

- *compare and contrast 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 it is now time for an English Parliament.

In your response you must:

- *compare and contrast 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 backbenchers in the House of Commons are increasingly effective at carrying out their roles.

In your answer you should draw on relevant knowledge and understanding of the study of Component 1: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas. You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

OR

- (b) Evaluate the view that Prime Ministers now have too much power.

In your answer you should draw on relevant knowledge and understanding of the study of Component 1: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas. You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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SECTION B

Non-core Political Ideas

Answer ONE question EITHER (a) OR (b) from the political idea that you have studied.

Anarchism

EITHER

- 3 (a) To what extent do collectivist anarchism and individualist anarchism disagree on their approach to the state?

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

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent is anarchism divided in its views of society?

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

(24)

(Total for Question 3 = 24 marks)

Ecologism

EITHER

- 4 (a) To what extent is there more agreement than disagreement within ecologism on post-materialism and anti-consumerism?

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

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent is ecologism divided in its approach to anthropocentrism?

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

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(Total for Question 4 = 24 marks)

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Feminism**EITHER**

- 5** (a) To what extent is feminism united about sex and gender?

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

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent is feminism united in its approach to the public and private sphere?

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

(24)

(Total for Question 5 = 24 marks)

Multiculturalism**EITHER**

- 6** (a) To what extent is multiculturalism divided in its views on culture and identity?

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

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent is there more disagreement than agreement within multiculturalism about minority rights?

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

(24)

(Total for Question 6 = 24 marks)

Nationalism

EITHER

- 7 (a) To what extent is nationalism divided in its views on the nation-state?

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

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent is there more disagreement than agreement within nationalism?

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

(24)

(Total for Question 7 = 24 marks)



Chosen question number:

Question 3(b) 

Question 4(b)

Question 5(b)

Question 6(b)

Question 7(b) 

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SECTION A

UK Government

Source 1 (a)

Source 1 (a) explores the current state of the UK constitution.

The huge amount of common law, Acts of Parliament, works of authority, and important but sometimes uncertain unwritten conventions, in the United Kingdom are not easily accessible for all. Furthermore, it has become too easy for governments to implement political and constitutional reforms to suit their own short-term political goals rather than the public interest, and many recent reforms have created more problems than they have solved.

The present constitution is out of date, full of references to our ancient past, unsuited to the social and political democracy of the 21st century and the wishes of its people. It fails to give importance to the sovereignty of the people and discourages popular participation in the political process. In particular, the growth of the 'elective dictatorship' means that there are no effective checks on the power of the Executive by Parliament whilst the Supreme Court is unwilling and unable to challenge the government.

However, the fact that the UK system of government has never been reduced to a single document is an indication of the success of the Westminster system of parliamentary democracy and the stability it has brought to the country. The partially unwritten nature of the constitution is something distinctively British and allows a democratic Parliament to have the power to make or unmake any law. Contrary to claims that the UK constitution is out of date, it is evolutionary and flexible in nature, more easily enabling practical problems to be resolved as they arise, and individual reforms made. Reforms made have been widely accepted and operate successfully. While some are concerned about the supposed existence of an 'elective dictatorship' and inadequate checks and balances in the political system, there is in fact a wide range of considerable pressures exerted upon ministers seeking to make controversial changes.

(Source: © UK Parliament 2023)

Source 1 (b)

Source 1 (b) explores whether it is better for UK democracy to set up an English Parliament as part of greater devolution to England.

Four equal parliaments would create the best conditions for strong democracies. A healthy constitutional settlement with an English Parliament would support the union by delivering symmetry, stability and national recognition.

Symmetry of powers will prevent resentment among those who have received the least devolution, no national recognition and whose laws are partially decided by MPs who they do not elect. The West Lothian Question could become a major issue should a future UK government's majority depend on their seats in Scotland and Wales. Stability is preferable to continuously increasing devolution not only because it stops the threat of independence being used as a bargaining chip in devolution negotiations but also because a clear division of powers offers citizens clearer lines of democratic accountability. National recognition would allow for the long-term growth of English identity.

However, England would dominate the other home nations if empowered through its own parliament because of its far larger size. The English First Minister would directly challenge the Executive of the UK whilst an English Parliament would threaten parliamentary sovereignty. It would always be in their interests to pass the blame for anything that goes wrong onto Westminster, and their solution would be more money and more powers for themselves leading to the breakup of the UK. An English Parliament would not really bring power closer to the people while governing more than four-fifths of the same territory as Westminster.

Another argument against an English Parliament is that the West Lothian Question is exaggerated because few House of Commons votes since devolution have been decided by Scottish MPs. Lastly there is no strong desire for an English Parliament with an increasing number of Metro Mayors a more appropriate solution for English devolution.

(Source: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/english-parliament-best-way-to-save-uk/>)

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