



A-level

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Unit 4A The Government of the USA

Tuesday 20 June 2017

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

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 GOV4A.
- Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions on each topic.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Use continuous prose.

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 on each topic.

Each topic carries 40 marks.

Topic 1 The Constitutional Framework of US Government

0 1 Explain the principle of limited government in the USA. **[10 marks]**

0 2 'The Bill of Rights has stood the test of time.' Discuss. **[30 marks]**

Topic 2 The Legislative Branch of Government: US Congress

0 3 Explain the significance of gridlock in the US federal government. **[10 marks]**

0 4 Evaluate the effectiveness of Congress in its oversight of the executive branch. **[30 marks]**

Topic 3 The Executive Branch of Government

0 5 Examine the concept of clientelism in the US federal bureaucracy. **[10 marks]**

0 6 To what extent does the executive branch help or hinder US presidents? **[30 marks]**

Topic 4 The Judicial Branch of Government: The Supreme Court

0 7 Explain the concept of 'original intent' in the judicial philosophy of the US Supreme Court. **[10 marks]**

0 8 'The Supreme Court is an increasingly politicised institution.' Discuss. **[30 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS

