

GCE A LEVEL

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WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2023 – AFTERNOON

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS – A2 unit 4 Government and politics of the USA

2 hours 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

- Section A: Answer both questions.
- **Section B:** Answer **two** questions from either questions 3, 4 or 5.

Section C: Answer the question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

The quality of your written communication, including appropriate use of punctuation and grammar, will be assessed in questions 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Section A

In Section A, you must answer **both** questions 1 and 2.

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, and also your ability to interpret and apply political information.

- 1. Explain the importance of national nominating conventions in US presidential elections. [16]
- **2.** Illustrate with examples how the principles found within the Declaration of Independence are expressed in the US Constitution. [16]

Section B

In Section B, you must answer two questions.

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, and also your ability to analyse and evaluate.

- 3. Evaluate the significance of third parties and independent candidates in US politics. [24]
- **4.** 'The US Supreme Court is becoming an increasingly political institution.' Discuss.

[24]

5. Discuss the view that the Executive Office of the President has greater power and influence over the US President than the Cabinet. [24]

Section C

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, your ability to interpret and apply political information, and your ability to analyse and evaluate.

6. Discuss where power lies within twenty-first century American politics. [40]

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