



GCE A LEVEL

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WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2024 – 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. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Section A: Answer **both** Question 1 **and** Question 2.

Section B: Answer **two** questions from Question 3, Question 4 **or** Question 5.

Section C: Answer Question 6.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

for example

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

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 your answers to Section B and Section C questions.

Section A

In Section A, you must answer **both** questions.

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

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 Explain the impact of the filibuster on the work of the US Congress. [16]

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 Explain the impact of incumbency on voting behaviour in US elections. [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.

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 Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Electoral College. [24]

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 Evaluate the balance of power between the federal and state governments in the USA. [24]

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 'The Supreme Court is effective at protecting the rights of US citizens.' Discuss. [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.

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 'The principles that underpin America's democracy remain important in today's America.' Discuss this view. [40]

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