



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
June 2011

## Government and Politics

## GOV4C

### Unit 4C Perspectives on Modern Politics

Thursday 16 June 2011 1.30pm to 3.00pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is GOV4C.
- Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions in each topic.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

**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.

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Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions in each topic.

Each topic carries 40 marks.

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**Topic 1 Participation and Representation**

**0 | 1** Examine the various forms that political participation can take. (10 marks)

**0 | 2** 'Neither representative nor democratic.' How justified is this comment on representative democracy as it operates today? (30 marks)

**Topic 2 Globalisation**

**0 | 3** Explain the concept of neo-colonialism. (10 marks)

**0 | 4** 'Governments take credit for their successes but blame globalisation for their failures.' Discuss. (30 marks)

**Topic 3 Change and Continuity**

**0 | 5** Outline the conservative case for resisting political change. (10 marks)

**0 | 6** 'Reforms carried out by governments are often more concerned with style and presentation than with real change.' Discuss. (30 marks)

**Topic 4 Territorial Politics**

**0 | 7** Explain the concept of sub-national governance. (10 marks)

**0 | 8** 'The devolution settlements for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have little in common.' Discuss. (30 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**