

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Unit 5 The Politics of the USA

GOV5

Tuesday 29 June 2004 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is GOV5.
- Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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 question.

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Each question carries 40 marks.

- 1** Study the extract below and answer parts (a), (b) and (c) which follow.

"Presidential Nomination", text adapted from W CROTTY (ed.),
America's Choice (Westview Press, Perseus Books Group) 2001,
pp. 95-113 - not reproduced here due to copyright constraints.

- (a) Explain the importance of the *New Hampshire Primary* referred to in the extract. (8 marks)
- (b) Using the extract and your own knowledge, assess the functions of the National Conventions in the presidential nomination process. (12 marks)
- (c) To what extent are the Democrats and Republicans "two different coalitions with different conceptions of government and different policy objectives"? (20 marks)

Answer either **Question 2** or **Question 3** or **Question 4**.

- 2 Evaluate the claim that although pressure groups are vital to pluralist democracy, in effect they overwhelm the political process in the USA. *(40 marks)*
- 3 “An outdated and antiquated device more suited to the Eighteenth Century than to the needs of the Twenty-first.” Critically assess this view of the Electoral College as a device for the election of the President of the USA. *(40 marks)*
- 4 “The factors that influence voter choice in the USA are varied and complex.” Discuss. *(40 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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