



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination

Government and Politics

GOV3C

Unit 3C Politics and Power

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the [new numbering system](#) and [new AQA answer book](#)

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-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 GOV3C.
- Choose **two** topics and answer **both** questions in each topic.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that 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.

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

Each topic carries 40 marks.

Topic 1 Power in Modern Society

0 1 Analyse the difference between political power and political influence. (10 marks)

0 2 'Political power, like wealth, is distributed unevenly throughout society.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Topic 2 Executive Power

0 3 Analyse the functions of the executive arm of government. (10 marks)

0 4 'Excessive executive power is a threat to democratic government.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Topic 3 Political Culture

0 5 Analyse the factors that shape citizens' political beliefs and attitudes. (10 marks)

0 6 'Effective government can only be secured where all citizens of a state subscribe to a single political culture.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Topic 4 Britain in Europe

0 7 Outline the processes whereby the EU creates its legislation. (10 marks)

0 8 'In the European project Britain has long been the "awkward partner".' Discuss. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS