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A2 GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

F854/01 Political Ideas and Concepts

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Other materials required:

None

Duration: 2 hours



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- The Insert will be found in the centre of this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **Question 1** and **three** other questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined page(s) at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- You will be rewarded for your ability to draw together the knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of the course.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in this paper. This means you should:
 - ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear;
 - organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- This document consists of **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Question 1(a)	See page 3
Question 1(b)	See page 5
Questions 2 to 8 (answer any three)	See page 8
Additional answer space	See pages 19–20

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In answering each question, you are expected to cover relevant political ideas and concepts and, where appropriate, make reference to the views of political thinkers.

SECTION A

Answer the question in this section.

Use the source and your own knowledge to answer Question 1.

Source for Question 1

After the decline of Athenian democracy in the 4th century B.C., democracy as a system of government was largely regarded negatively. However, from the 17th century, the system of monarchical rule was increasingly challenged in different countries. With this, the idea of democracy was resurrected, albeit in a new form, and is often referred to as protective democracy. This new form of democracy was less egalitarian than the classical model, but appealed to liberal thinkers such as Locke and Mill. By the second half of the 20th century, democratic theory dominated western politics. The criticisms of democracy, as outlined by classical scholars such as Plato and Aristotle, no longer seemed relevant to modern society.

1 (a) Explain the meaning of protective democracy. **[10]**

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SECTION B

Answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 Assess what makes the concept of the nation-state so appealing. [25]
- 3 “Political authority is both necessary and desirable.” Discuss. [25]
- 4 “Legal and moral rights are fundamentally different.” Discuss. [25]
- 5 Discuss the view that civil disobedience can only be justified in a dictatorship. [25]
- 6 Assess the extent of difference between revolutionary and democratic forms of socialism. [25]
- 7 Discuss the view that the protection of property is the most important value of conservatism. [25]
- 8 Assess the extent of difference between radical and liberal forms of feminism. [25]

(You may use this space for planning your answer(s).)

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END OF QUESTION PAPER

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