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Edexcel GCE

Government and Politics

Advanced

Unit 3: Key Themes in Political Analysis

Paper 3A: UK Political Issues

Tuesday 24 January 2012 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

6GP03/3A

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **three** questions chosen from Section A and **one** question chosen from Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- You will be assessed on your ability to organise and present information, ideas, descriptions and arguments clearly and logically, taking into account your use of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer FOUR questions, THREE from Section A and ONE from Section B.

Section B starts on page 12.

SECTION A

Answer THREE questions from this section.

1 Explain why the issue of higher education funding has been politically divisive.

(Total for Question 1 = 15 marks)

2 How and why has the coalition government tried to reform the benefits system?

(Total for Question 2 = 15 marks)

3 Why have governments made limited progress in reforming the banking system and how it operates?

(Total for Question 3 = 15 marks)

4 Explain the arguments for and against the use of green taxes.

(Total for Question 4 = 15 marks)

5 Why have the coalition government's policies on policing been controversial?

(Total for Question 5 = 15 marks)

(Total for Section A = 45 marks)



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You should start the answer to your second question choice on page 6



You should start the answer to your third question choice on page 9



You should start the answer to Section B on page 13



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(Total for Question = 15 marks)

(Total for Section A = 45 marks)



SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

- 6 'The coalition government's deficit reduction programme goes too far, too fast.'
Discuss.

(Total for Question 6 = 45 marks)

- 7 To what extent have the environmental policies of recent governments been 'all talk and no action'?

(Total for Question 7 = 45 marks)

- 8 'Prison doesn't work.' Discuss.

(Total for Question 8 = 45 marks)

(Total for Section B = 45 marks)



Put a cross in the box ☒ indicating the question you have chosen.
If you change your mind, put a line through the box ~~☒~~
and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen Question Number:

Question 6 ☒

Question 7 ☒

Question 8 ☒

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(Total for Section B = 45 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 90 MARKS

