



ICM

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Instructions to candidates:

- a) Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
 - b) Answer any FIVE questions
 - c) All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in []
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- 1. Aristotle's system of political classification is still considered to be relevant in the modern world. Describe Aristotle's classification and explain why it is still considered to have relevance. [20]
 - 2. The military is recognised as being a political institution. Review the distinctive features of the military as a political institution. [20]
 - 3. Define the term **democracy** and describe, using examples to support your answer:
 - a) classical democracy [7]
 - b) protective democracy [7]
 - c) developmental democracy [6]
 - 4. The approaches of centralisation and decentralisation have both advantages and disadvantages. Explain the benefits of EACH approach in relation to the government of nation states. [20]
 - 5. Review the various approaches used to define politics. [20]
 - 6. Democracy is a favoured form of government in many parts of the world. Discuss the main foundations of democracy, supporting your answer with examples. [20]
 - 7. Review the concept of political ideology and explain, using examples:
 - a) liberalism [10]
 - b) conservatism [10]
 - 8. The mass media is often described as being politically significant. Explain what you understand by this description. [20]