

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ADVANCED SUPPLEMENTARY LEVEL

AIMS

This syllabus is designed to stimulate candidates' interest in, and enthusiasm for the study of political science, and more importantly, to promote candidates' social awareness and responsible citizenship. After studying this course, candidates should be able to:

- (1) understand a number of salient concepts in the political science vocabulary;
- (2) analyse the relationship between the individual and the state;
- (3) apply the various concepts and theories learnt in (1) and (2) above to the understanding of Hong Kong;
- (4) examine the government and politics of Hong Kong;
- (5) acquire a sense of social awareness and civic responsibility through an understanding of the functioning of society and the influences acting upon it;
- (6) develop a broader outlook on the world through an appreciation of different political systems and the relationship between individuals and the state; and
- (7) develop the attitudes that are conducive to their participation in political and community affairs as active and responsible citizens.

THE EXAMINATION

The examination will consist of a three-hour paper. The paper will have two sections.

Section A (30% of subject marks) : Questions will be set on the general survey of basic concepts. Five short-answer questions will be set, and candidates are required to answer any three.

Section B (70% of subject marks) : Questions will be set on the government and politics of Hong Kong.

Part I (50% of subject marks) will consist of six essay questions. Candidates are required to answer any two.

Part II (20% of subject marks) will consist of one compulsory data-response question.

Note : The term 'data' in the data-response question is to be interpreted in the broadest possible sense to mean any type of information which may be in many different formats including, for example,

- articles, news items, reports, memos, letters, advertisements;
- written dialogue;
- tables, charts, graphs, maps;
- cartoons, pictures, illustrations.

THE SYLLABUS

Refer to Paper 1 of the Advanced Level Syllabus.