

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

2694

US Government & Politics

Thursday **27 JANUARY 2005** Afternoon 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:
8-page Answer Booklet.

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/answer booklet.
- Answer **three** questions.
- Answers should be written in continuous prose.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to the answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is shown in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The maximum mark for this paper is **90**.
- You will be awarded marks for quality of written communication including clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

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Answer three questions.

- 1 Assess the extent to which recent presidential elections have led to criticisms of the Electoral College. [30]
- 2 Examine the claim that the differences within the two major parties are greater than the differences between them. [30]
- 3 Analyse the factors likely to lead to success for pressure groups in Washington. [30]
- 4 Examine the reasons why most amendments proposed to the American constitution have failed to be passed. [30]
- 5 Contrast the power and prestige of Senators and members of the House of Representatives. [30]
- 6 Examine the claim that 'the presidency is not a powerful office'. [30]
- 7 Discuss the claim that the Supreme Court has too much power for an unelected body. [30]
- 8 Evaluate the process used for selecting the candidates of the two major parties for the 2004 presidential election. [30]